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Construction continues on the long-awaited campus pub. It is scheduled to open in late January or early February.

Trustees discuss deficit at meetings

Cutbacks foreseen to deal with College's budget shortfall

By Gabriel Meyer '96
Editor-in-Chief

Issues of financial aid and long-term budgeting are expected to dominate this weekend's quarterly meeting of the Hamilton College Board of Trustees. Discussion over these issues stems from the recent announcement that the College projects a $1.1 million operating deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996.

"Since revenue is not increasing and is not likely to do so. . . we have to be ready to make some decisions about the use of resources available to us," said President Eugene Tobin. Budget issues were to be the focus of the Trustee Budget and Finance Committee discussions today and were expected to be later addressed by the entire board.

"We will be discussing the major priorities for the College over the next several years," said Tobin.

High on the list of budget issues to be discussed is financial aid, which has risen in recent years. It currently consumes 21 percent of the College's Education and General Budget.

Discussions over financial aid will focus on several alternatives including holding financial aid spending at current levels, or allowing it to rise further.

Hamilton's operating deficit has arisen as the result of several factors. Family income has remained flat for a number of years and the College's annual tuition increases no longer yield additional revenue. Cuts in state and federal aid for higher education have further contributed to the College's financial situation.

Tobin noted that Hamilton's financial situation is not unique among institutions of higher education. Many colleges and universities across the country have been forced to downsize as the result financial difficulties. Some have instituted measures similar to those used by the business world, including laying off faculty members and decreasing enrollment.

"Higher education is finally entering that world somewhat belatedly," said Tobin. Hamilton, he said, will not have to resort to the draconian measures employed by some colleges, if prudent steps are immediately taken to reduce costs. Initial cost-saving measures will include differed expenditures on various campus projects.

Tobin said he expects to offer a set of cost-cutting proposals to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting in March.

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Faculty voice outrage over continued vandalism, discuss budget shortfall

By Jacob Stetser '98
News Editor

Faculty members expressed concern over the continuing vandalism trend and news of the College's budget deficit at their monthly meeting Tuesday.

The meeting also included several committee elections and reports from Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong, and President Eugene Tobin.

After Chair of the Faculty Peter Rabinowitz convened the meeting at 4:16, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved without dissent, following a small correction. The faculty then elected representatives to fill seats on the Committee on Academic Policy and the Committee on Information Technology.

Dean Fong took the opportunity to report on the progress of the College since his "State of the Faculty" address earlier this year. He reported that since November 6, 20 students per day have eaten in the Azel Backus House as part of the new common meal plan, which encourages faculty to eat with students. Fong suggested that faculty prefer to eat with students in small, interactive group settings, like Backus. He quoted the Associate Dean of Faculty, who said, "The Common Meal is, in my opinion, a success."

Fong announced that a long-term committee on educational reform will be created this summer to look seriously at the College's educational program.

He suggested that the College will hire an architectural firm specializing in educational buildings, to evaluate learning spaces on campus. The firm may also offer suggestions to improve the College's educational areas.

Speaking to a recent trend of professors' canceling of classes early before vacations, Dean Fong called the practice "not professionally responsible." Several professors had approached him because students would leave earlier, compromising the effectiveness of classes.

The faculty expressed its outrage over the recent vandalism trend.

Professor of History Robert Paquette rose when Dean Fong was finished to again raise the subject of vandalism. He cited the numerous articles in *The Spectator*, and described how many of the people he had talked to, including Physical Plant staff, were disgusted and demoralized by the violent trend of vandalism. "Without question, every senior Physical Plant official I

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Liasson, NPR correspondent, critiques Clinton White House

By Joe November '97
Associate News Editor

Mara Liasson, the White House Correspondent for National Public Radio, spoke about her experiences as a White House insider and offered her predictions for the 1996 election in a speech last night in the Chapel.

Liasson regularly serves on the White House press pool and has jointly conducted several exclusive interviews President Clinton. She attended Brown University prior to the start of her journalism career as newspaper writer. She later worked for a small California radio station before moving onto NPR. She moved up to the White House after she covered Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign.

"Covering the White House," she said, "is like being an animal in a zoo," in reference to the tight security surrounding the president today.

Liasson described President Clinton as a person with "a desire to be liked...that has caused a lot of problems." For example, Clinton has been criticized for trying to appeal to his political enemies by softening his stance on many issues. Even Clinton's supporters view this as a

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Celebrated actor and Hamilton alumnus remembered for dedication to the arts

Special to *The Spectator*

Hamilton alumnus and actor William G. Roehrick, Jr. '34 died November 30 in an automobile accident while returning to his western Massachusetts home from New York.

Well known for his role as Henry Chamberlain in the soap opera *Guiding Light*, he had a distinguished acting career which included numerous Broadway and Hollywood performances

At Hamilton, Roehrick is remembered as an extraordinary benefactor of the arts. His efforts on behalf of the Emerson Gallery led to its expansion which remains a tribute to his memory.

Roehrick frequently returned to his alma mater to speak to robust audiences, in both stage performances and classroom presentations. He read annually Professor of English Robert B. Rudd's *English 9: Lecture on Chekov* at the Service of Remembrance at Reunions. A past chair of the Committee on Visual Arts and a member of the Performing Arts Committee, he helped fund the Roehrick Lecture Series, which annually brings well known arts figures to speak at the College.

In a letter to Hamilton College Board of Trustees, President Eugene Tobin said, "The visual and performing arts at Hamilton have lost a great friend, someone whose love for his alma mater has enriched us deeply."

Memorial services for Roehrick took place last Monday at the Episcopal Church in Lee, Mass. Services in his memory will be conducted at Hamilton at a future date.

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Residential Life advises against signing off-campus leases until final decision

BY DAVID H. TOWNSEND '97
MANAGING EDITOR

The end of the spring semester is the time of year when many upperclassmen begin to think ahead about their housing options for the next year. In the past, living in downtown Clinton was an option for those choosing to do so. With the release of the Residential Life decision, that privledge has come into question. This year, only seniors selected through an off-campus lottery were allowed to live downtown. When asked if students will be given that option next year,

Director of Residential Life, Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz said, "I don't know. I'm not sure what to tell people."

If the College has enough rooms, all students will be required to pay for housing on campus. "It will come down to a numbers game," said Kantrowitz. It is possible Hamilton will aquire new housing options for next fall. One possibility includes the aquisition of the private society houses pending the outcome of the current lawsuit against the College, which is pending in January. A second possibility would be purchasing other houses in close proximity to campus to be used as residence halls.

Kantrowitz advised students against signing leases, and told students to assume that they will be living in on-campus, college owned housing. A definite decision will be made sometime in the middle of next semester.

For many students that decision is not soon enough. Landlords often seek out other tenants if a lease is not signed by the end of the spring semester.

The attraction of off-campus living for many students is the separation from campus, and a larger living area. Many apartments downtown offer single bedrooms, along with a living room, a kitchen, and a bath. Some apartment's rents downtown are cheaper then living in College-owned housing for a full school year.

The College has a history of waffling on its housing decisions. Last spring, many seniors signed up for the off-campus lottery, and were initially denied off-campus living. When the College found that it didn't have enough rooms to house all those planning to live on-campus, they allowed everyone who signed for the lottery to move off-campus.

For many students who had already signed leases to live downtown this news came as a relief. Many landlords charge a fee for nullified leases. During this past summer, the College found it did not have enough rooms for incoming first-years, and made the decision to rent the Delta Kappa Epsilon house for them to live in.

Faculty discuss vandalism, budget, and increased applicants

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talked to," said Paquette, "has never before seen it this bad."

"I hope that this epidemic does not become endemic," warned Paquette, who suggested the use of private investigators or rewards to help find the perpetrators.

"I don't know what short of murder on this campus can get a student expelled," finished Paquette.

Other professors mentioned that they felt the vandalism was "systematic" and amounted to a drawn-out campaign of sabotage.

President Tobin began his presentation by saying, "I have some news for you: some of it is good, and some of it is... less so." The faculty laughed.

Tobin's good news included application numbers twenty-eight percent higher this year than the same time last November. "Numbers and quality look very good," noted Tobin.

Annual fund contributions, he said, also appear to be accumulating at the same pace as last year.

However, the College faces a shortfall of more than $1.1 million this fiscal year. Much of this shortfall is the result of an $820,000 overexpenditure on financial aid. Other items contributing to the deficit include renovations of ELS and the DKE house.

Citing the loss of much federal and state student financial aid, which benefits the College's aid fund, Tobin said, "We have entered a period of permanently diminished financial support."

He asked the faculty to assess where they could do more with less, and noted that the College is considering privatizing some of its auxiliary services.

The faculty meeting concluded after discussion of the Committee on Academic Policy's curriculum proposals and a review of a memo dealing with the Horizons program.

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HAMILTON COLLEGE News Bulletins

Director of Career Center Receives "Innovative" Award

Gene Roche, director of Hamilton College's Maurice Horowitch Career Center, recently received the Eastern College and Employer Network Organization's Philip J. Brockway Award for Innovation. He received the award for his submission of "Preparing Students for the 21st Century: New Visions of the Career Center."

The annual award is granted to an ECEN member who has developed an innovative idea, system, program, method or procedure related to the common interests of the organization.

Roche, who holds a bachelor's degree from Hamilton and a master's and doctoral degrees from Syracuse University, serves as a consultant to a wide variety of volunteer organizations. He also researches, writes and speaks on the fundamental changes affecting the world of work, especially those stemming from computer and communications technology.

ECEN's membership is comprised of career services and human resources/college relations professionals who provide services to the college-educated workforce. The organization seeks to be a catalyst for professional development, to facilitate networking opportunities and to promote professional and ethical standards.

Roche has been a member of the Hamilton staff since 1984. He lives with his wife and son on Griffin Road in Clinton.

Hamilton Economics Professor Wins Grant from NSF

Derek Jones, Professor of Economics at Hamilton College, recently received a two-year grant totalling $91,783 from the National Science Foundation. The grant is in support of his research project, "The Economics of Privatization: Evidence from the Baltics and St. Petersburg."

By assembling and analyzing data in each of the Baltic countries and St. Petersburg, Jones will concentrate on the issue of privatization. He argues that privatization is the most significant issue influencing the sustainability of reform in the former command economies.

Through his research, Jones will examine factors influencing the adoption and continued existence of different patterns of ownership on enterprise behavior. At the conclusion of the project, the data will be archived and thus be available for other researchers to use.

A member of the Hamilton faculty since 1972, Jones received his bachelor's degree with first class honors from Newcastle Upon Tyne (England) in 1968, his master's degree with distinction from the London School of Economics in 1969 and his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1974. During his time at Hamilton, Jones received five other grants from the NSF.

Award for scientific research given to Class of '97 student for spring semester

Jessica L. Corr-Bolender, Hamilton College class of 1997, has been awarded the Class of 1979 Student Travel Award. She will receive $6,000 from the fund to assist her participation in the Sea Education Association study semester for the upcoming spring term. The program is made up to two components: a land component and a sea component. On land students begin taking classes in nautical science, oceanography, and maritime studies, which are designed to provide theoretical foundations for life at sea. Students will conduct hands-on labs and will be lectured by SEA's scientific staff at the Woods Hole campus in Massachusetts. At sea, students continue taking classes, one of which is a self-designed research project. Meanwhile, students are responsible for sailing the vessel as well as cooking and cleaning. Jessica hopes to further develop her interest in the sea and decide if this is the field of study that she would pursue as a career. She plans on sharing her experience with Hamilton constituencies upon her return.

College increases funding to Campus Activities Board for more social events

The Campus Activities Board has received a one-time allocation for spring semester from the President's Office. This $35,000 allocation is in support of programming on campus and is to assist CAB with presenting at least one program each weekend. These funds are in addition to those originally allocated to CAB for the 1995-1996 academic year.

Weekend Weather

Saturday: Cold with snow. Significant accumulations possible. High 30, low near 20.

Sunday: Bitterly cold with snow squalls. Highs 15 to 20, lows in the single digits.

News from other Ivory Towers

--compiled by Joe November '97

Univ. of California doctors to keep tenure despite criminal acts

While reporting to the University of California Board of Regents on the "broad scope of misconduct" in UC Irvine's fertility clinic, officials revealed that three physicians accused of medical malpractice who fled the country are still being paid by the university. The three doctors from UC Irvine's Center for Reproductive Health have been accused of misappropriation and misuse of nearly 300 women's eggs, as well as the implantation of those eggs in other women without the donors' consent. All three physicians have denied the charges. "Even if (the doctors) are convicted of criminal wrongdoing, they would still have tenure at the university," said one University Official. In light of the alleged wrongdoing at UC Irvine's Center for Reproductive Health, professors and regents alike called for the possible revision of those guidelines to account for the possibility of professors committing criminal acts.

UCLA Daily Bruin

North Pine State students up in arms

At North Cedar State University in Louisiana, students have successfully lobbied to reinstate a privilege they had in 1935. That privilege is the right to bring firearms to campus. The school revoked the right to bring weapons to school in 1935 when a student was wounded when a rifle was accidently discharged. Ever since then, all firearms have been banned from campus much to the dismay of the student body. Recently, thanks to a concerned state congressman, students put forth a special bill to the Louisiana State Assembly and the bill passed 312 - 243. Students now have the right to bring guns on campus, provided that the weapons not be taken into any campus buildings. All students who bring guns must demonstrate that they have no criminal record or psychological disorders. Last week, 12 students, or 0.2 percent of the student body, brought guns to campus for the purpose of practicing their riflery. No one has been hurt yet but protests he taken place.

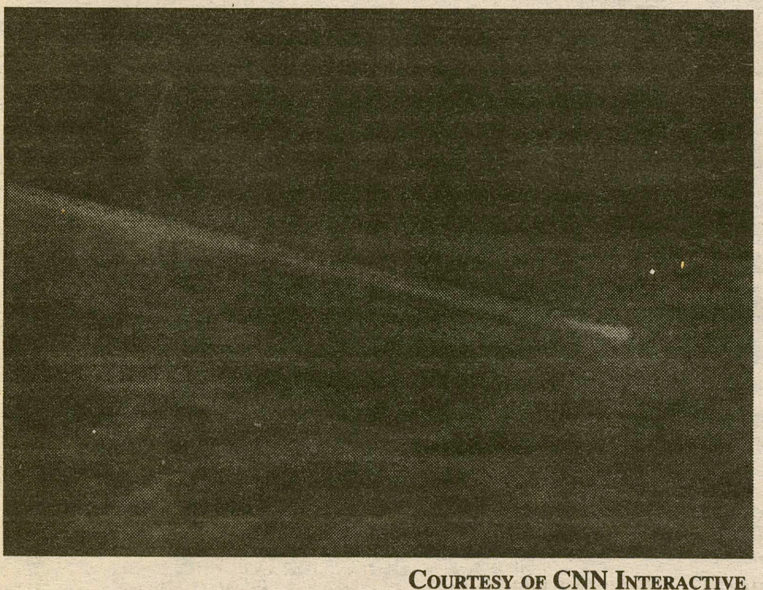
Louisiana Scholastic Magazine

Nike courts college athletes

To anyone who has watched T.V. in the last ten years, it is common knowledge that shoe and athletic wear companies realize the value of attaching their products to premier athletes and teams. Most of the athletes and teams who endorsed such products, however, were almost always professionals due to restrictions placed on college-level athletes by their schools' administrators. Such restrictions forbade companies like Nike or Reebok from giving money to college athletes in exchange for endorsements. Now, due to financial pressure on many university administrations, athletic apparel companies are making their presence known on campuses all around the country.

These days, the black, military-style vehicle adorned with a white Nike swoosh logo has become a familiar site at some of the nation's largest college football stadiums. A standard example of this new trend occurred last year at the University of Michigan when the school signed a six-year, $7.2 million contract with Nike, which provided apparel and scholarship money to all of the university's 23 varsity teams. In addition, seven of the 10 schools that have all-sports pacts with Nike or Reebok are ranked among the top 25 in this week's Associated Press football poll. NCAA officials, however, are worried that athletes who accept money from outside firms will become "commercialized" and may be tempted to break other NCAA regulations.

University of Michigan Daily News



COURTESY OF CNN INTERACTIVE

Thousands of astronomers were at the edge of their seats last night as the Galileo probe plunged into Jupiter's atmosphere. The probe, shown above, disintegrated after a 75-minute journey through the upper reaches of the Jovian atmosphere. If all goes well, preliminary data from the probe should be available next week.

News Briefs from around the World

--compiled by Matt Nolan '98

Paris strike stalls commuters for a second week

French workers in the private sector continued to ignore calls by the labor unions to join the strike movement for the second week. Most of those who still attempt to get to work have resorted to traveling by foot, by car, by roller-skating, by boat, and even hitchhiking. According to authorities the greatest problems are getting around Paris where it can take two hours to drive a distance that takes only 45 minutes by foot. Neither sides appear to be showing signs of faltering or giving in as the workers continue to protest planned cuts in health insurance and pensions.

France schedules final nuclear test

France announced this week that it will conclude its hotly contested nuclear tests earlier than originally projected. Defense Minister Charles Million Wednesday stated that "The last French nuclear test should be before the end of February 1996." These tests, conducted on a South Pacific atoll, have caused great stir not only within France, but through out the world. When the international environmental action group Greenpeace attempted to encroach on a safety zone earlier this year, French commandos boarded their boat, halting their approach. This incident brought more criticism to the much embattled testing.

Palestinians now able to use their own Passports

Wednesday marked the first day that Palestinians living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were able to travel on their own passports. In the past, Palestinians have had to travel from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on Israeli papers or passports. More than 30 countries acknowledge the passport, most of them Arab and Muslim countries. The Palestinian Authority has issued 33,000 green Palestinian passports to residents of the autonomous zones.

Liasson predicts tough national election in 1996

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lack of integrity on the his part.

"The public is fed up with gridlock," said Liasson, noting that if the Democrats and Republicans do not agree on the federal budget by December 15, the government faces another shutdown. Liasson said it is in the interest of both sides to agree on a budget, but there are factions in both parties who have their own reasons to stall any cooperation.

If there is no cooperation, says Liasson, "The only people who win would be a third party." She noted that Ross Perot is a likely third party.

Visions of 1996 and beyond

Liasson predicted that the 1996 election will be "the meanest, hardest-fought Presidential election in history."

"The Republicans are in pretty good shape for 1996," she said. The major obstacle for the Republican Party is not the Democrats, according to Liasson, but is actually Newt Gingrich. "New Gingrich actually gets Democrats out to the polls," she said.

Liasson stressed that much of the political hijinx occurring in Washington is the result of both the Democrats' and Republicans' desire to have something to show for their efforts over the last fours years. The Republicans' desire to gain support by showing that they have accomplished something is reflected in their stubborn push to achieve a balanced budget Similar desires on President Clinton's part are evident in his push to get a "Health Security Card" distributed to every American citizen.

Liasson described Bill Clinton's future as bright, regardless of whether or not he wins the 1996 election. She said

The Spectator wishes everyone a happy holiday.

National News Briefs

--compiled by Matt Nolan '98

Controller nervous as Galileo satellite prepares to arrive on Jupiter

The $1.3 billion dollar Galileo mission is approaching its climax and controllers of the probe have little to do but wait and worry. The probe was less than a million miles from its destination Wednesday and was expected to rocket into orbit around its destination, Jupiter, last night. Scientists are waiting on an instrument laden probe which was scheduled to enter the planet's atmosphere Thursday evening. Pending the arrival of that probe, scientist plan to study the atmosphere of the planet to gain information on temperature and chemistry. This marks the first time a spacecraft has orbited one of the giant outer planets and probed its atmosphere.

J.F.K. worker held in theft of Royal Gems

Investigators from at least three agencies, who searched for the missing jewels, ended a brief international manhunt early yesterday morning with the arrest of 19 year old Gilbert Terrero. The diamond necklace and matching bracelet belonging to Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, were stolen from a handbag by the J.F.K. baggage handler as the bag was loaded on a transcontinental flight on Monday. The jewels, which were worn at a reception at the White House Sunday night, were found Tuesday morning in an empty nintendo game cartridge in a shed in Queens. Suspects in the case included international Mafia masterminds and inept ladies in waiting.

Lawsuit on slavery is rejected by court

A case seeking compensation from the federal government to compensate blacks or apologize for slavery and racial discrimination was rejected by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The court stated that the suit "neither identifies any constitutional or statutory right that was violated." In a 3-0 decision the Judges Pamela Ann Rymer, Mary M. Schroeder, and Betty B. Fletcher, said the seven individuals could not seek compensation for the enslavement of their ancestors. The suit sought more than $100 million in damages along the lines of reparations to Japanese Americans following mistreatment during the second world war.

The Spectator, *your faithful supper time companion.*

Campus loses power twice in one week as outages continue

By Gabriel Meyer '96
Editor-in-Chief

Hamiltonians were again left in the dark last weekend when yet another round of power outages struck the campus. The first outage affected North Campus Saturday morning, while on Monday, a freak storm knocked out electricity briefly on the entire campus. These recent incidents bring to five the number of outages since the beginning of the semester.

Saturday's power outage began shortly after 10 a.m. when a high voltage fuse near the Burke Library burnt out, causing a temporary brownout on North Campus and the Bundy housing area. Upon discovering the problem, Physical Plant crews shut off power for the both areas. The brownout caused thousands of dollars worth of damage to electric motors used to control buildings' heating and ventilation systems.

No cause could be found for the burnt-out fuse, which was subsequently replaced. Power was restored by early afternoon.

"High voltage fuses will burn out, but usually there's a reason," said Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge.

The power outage caused an interruption of computer network service for the entire campus, which did not come back on line until Sunday evening.

The entire campus lost power again Monday when a freak storm associated with squall line of lake-effect snow moved through the area. The outage began shortly after 1:30 when the storm knocked down wires near downtown Clinton. The south side of campus lost power for nearly two hours. Physical plant crews briefly turned off power on the North Side as well as a precautionary measure until they could determine that its three-phase electrical supply was functioning properly.

Many students and faculty reported that the sky turned dark and that they saw several lightning flashes followed by thunder claps, prior to the power outage. Hawkridge confirmed that lightning struck a radio tower near campus, but said this was unrelated to the outage.

Of the unusual December thunderstorm, he said, "They're few and far between, but they do happen."

The storm lasted less than ten minutes, leaving a dusting of snow in its wake.

Trustee committees discuss financial aid, curriculum, social life

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All costs stemming from the implementation of The Report of Committee on Residential Life have been previously budgeted for, and therefore do not contribute to the current deficit situation.

Trustee committees to meet

This weekend's meeting of the Board of Trustees also includes the gathering of several trustee committees.

The Student Affairs Committee will hear a presentation from Director of Student Activities Beverly Low on implementation of residential and social space policy changes stemming from the Residential Life Study.

The Admissions Committee will meet to discuss financial aid policy. Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Rit Fuller will brief the group on the status of admissions for the Class of 2000. He is expected to report that the number of students applying for early admission is up significantly over recent years.

The Instruction Committee will convene to hear a presentation by Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong who will outline his short and long-term goals for Hamilton's curriculum.

In addition to meetings, trustees will also attend several special events during their gathering on the hill. This evening at 5 o'clock, they will gather in the lobby of the Burke Library for the dedication of a plaque, listing the recipients of faculty teaching awards.

At 6 o'clock, the trustees will attend a dinner with the senior class in the Alumni Gym.

Listen to WHCL 88.7 fm next week to hear the following jazz programs:

Mon. Dec. 11	4-7 p.m.	Erol Balkan
	7-10 p.m.	Tic Conroy
Tues. Dec. 12	4-7 p.m.	Bev Low
	7-10 p.m.	Jim Gillies
Wed. Dec. 13	4-7 p.m.	Corey Landstrom
	7-10 p.m.	Sean Sheehan
Thurs. Dec. 14	4-7 p.m.	Ben Carlisle
	7-10 p.m.	Erol Balkan
Fri. Dec. 15	4-7 p.m.	R. Werner/J. Bartle
	7-10 p.m.	David Gehm

An informational meeting for those interested in working or writing for *The Spectator* next semester will be held in the office on the third floor of Bristol on Monday, December 11 at 4 p.m.

WHCL Show Awards Fall 1995

Best Shows/ Show Hosts	Honorable Mention
Darkest Corners of the Mind- Ian Murphy	Public Affairs Galore- R.J. Hevier
Pollop's Sack of Goodies- Damon Lanphear	Big Bank & Your Mother- Frank Turner
Swedish Schnaaps- Josh Paulson	Love Pirates- V. Vignaux & J. Lenoci
Legoland Jams- Lee Rubenstein	Underground Electronic- Tic Conroy
Sports 'R' Us-R. Pizzo, B. Hawkanson, H. Dague	Newscasts- Ben Berkman, Jacob Stetser
A Joyful Noise- Andrew Bomann	3 Hours of Paradise- Meg Blackburn
Polish Sausage- Jeff Michael	Shades of Blue- Rick Werner, John Bartle

The WHCL Board of Directors would like to commend these show hosts for upholding a constant standard of excellence throughout this semester. Congratulations, and keep up the good work!!

Look What CAB's Cookin' Up THIS SPRING

Guster
The band formerly known as GUS is now Guster. This energetic, alternative/ acoustic/ pop band delivers a sound with whirling harmonies, driving bongos and stacato guitar work.

Dar Williams
with Hamilton Alumna Jess Klein.
Celebrate with Dar as she releases her brand new CD and welcome back Jess for a great night of acoustic music. "By the time Williams' elegy of gender-role-free youth twists and turns to a tender conclusion, breezy has given away to breathtaking." Jeff Wagenheim.

Leighann Lord
A comedian sure to bring thought provoking material and uproarious laugher. She can be seen on Lifetime's Girls Night Out and VH1's Stand Up Spotlight.

Frank King
The Slide Show Guy
Travel along with Krank throughout the US with snapshots of some of the funniest sights in the country. You may not believe your eyes.

Ellis Paul & Christine Kane
Hamilton favorite Ellis Paul returns with fantastic up and coming artist Christine Kane. A special Friday night encore of the acoustic coffeehouse.

S.W.A.M.M.P.
Jam along and dance to the reggae sounds of S.W.A.M.M.P. during Siblings Weekend. S.W.A.M.M.P. has played Hamilton before and they are welcomed back for this weekend.

Mike Rayburn
This special comedy show mixes the best of acoustic music and comedy. Hear Mike's awesome rendition of the Devil Went Down to Georgia on guitar. The heart of Mike's show lies in his comedic songs and humorous spontaneity.

Bela Fleck & the Flecktones
The Jazz/ bluegrass/ acoustic/ high-tech whatchamacallit band. Bela Fleck and the Flecktones are a major musical act and they're coming to Hamilton. Come listen to their off-beat blend of world-beat rhythms, acoustic textures and high-tech hijinks.

The Woods Tea Company & Michael Gulezian
A coffeehouse featuring one of the country's most tecnically brilliant acoustic guitarists in Gulezian and the talented storytellers in the Woods Tea Co. Come take a listen to a coffeehouse off the beaten track.

Robbie Printz
Robbie is a native Bostonian and he has been performing at colleges all over the country. Whether he is describing hunting or fishing or telling you everything your parents and guidance counselors never told you about college life, he will have you clutching at your sides with laughter.

Selected Hilarity
This five memnber group blends stand-up, improv, sketches and music into a clever, fast-paced show that never lets down. Nominated for NACA Comedy Artists of the year.

Thanks to Gravity
Hey, Eric Ritvo swears by them so they must be good. This band is being co-sponsored by *WHCL* and they are definitely a must see band. Keep your eyes posted and ears open for the sounds of Thanks to Gravity.

John Gorka & Lucy Kaplansky
John has been proclaimed the "preeminent male singer/ songwriter of the New Folk Movment." John has found intriguing ways to explore the ironies and absurdidies, the joys and sorrows of the human condition. Lucy Kaplansky returns to Hamilton after a spectacular performance in November. She is NOT to be missed. She will open and sing background vocals with John.

Slipknot
Do you like the Dead? Do you like music to which you can jam? Then previous Hamilton visitors Slipknot are worth checking out.

Lance Montalto
He has been headlining major comedy clubs throughout the country for the past 12 years and has appeared on The Showtime Comedy Club Network, Comedy Tonight and A&E's Comedy on the Road. Come hear Lance's humorous stories about Cajun Country and other assorted bits.

Bingo in the Barn II
Yes, Bingo returns for a second time. Come play the great game of Bingo and win some great prizes. Fred, this may be your last chance. Bring a lucky charm and have a good time.

And more yet to come!
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See you next semester...

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson

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Quotable Quotes

By Missy Wiechmann '97

"Listen guy, the only reading I'll be doing during reading period is from the label on the box of wine."
- Quentin Brooks '97 on his studious plans for reading period. Perhaps you should consider transferring to Nappa Valley University.

"I do just about everything with a phone in my hand."
-Pete Luke '97. That could really make life interesting.

"If Andrea was a verb, I'd do it!"
-Andrea Gaelin '98, in reference to Trip MacCracken's first name and apparent abstinence from LSD.

"It was good."
- Emily Englade '96 upon hearing that the barrel of punch at the 70's party, from which she drank two cups, had been used as a toilet. Yummy.

"My ass always hurts after sex."
-Matt Hofacker '97 with a pretty straight forward statement.

"It's worked out well for Betsy and I. We try not to get on top of each other too often."
-Lowey Bundy '96. Obviously you have an interesting room, but do you guys ever get any work done?

"Just sit there and look pretty."
- Andy Singer '96 to his girlfriend. Need anymore be said?

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Confessions of an internet junkie

By Heather Rae Obleman '99
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

Since I started working in the computer lab, I have been afflicted with the addiction many people have to e-mail. There are two types of addicts, those who come in and check their e-mail for over an hour, and those that check it repeatedly throughout the day. I am arguably the worst case scenario: a combination of both these addicts. The people yet to apply for accounts (yes, they do exist) should probably be warned of my latest e-mail affliction, which surpasses all previous addictions: telnet.

Previously, whenever I came to work the first thing I always did was check my mail, and I would spend the subsequent hours replying to my friends. Now, I simply go to the "vineyard" and talk with fifteen people who I never have and probably never will meet. Confused? Well, I was at first too.

Through various internet programs, we have free access to many programs that very few people know how to use. A few people have tried the turbo gopher to find friends' addresses, and most people have played a little on Netscape, but telnet is something few use. Information Technology Services Student Assistants can check their e-mail in this program with telnet, but there are many advantages to the program, such as chat lines.

The chat line is definitely an interesting place to visit. Where else can you go and say whatever you want to people you will never meet and not worry about what they will say? Most people pick an alias, like Old Faithful, Flash, or Betty (these names all go to this school) so they can remain anonymous. You can be whoever you want, whenever you want, and not suffer any ridicule. Some people enter and continuously "explode" or sing. However, if you wish to share your real identity, you can.

At the particular lines I am familiar with, there are some rules. You are not allowed to be excessively crude in public rooms (you can create your own room to be anything you wish) and you may not be cruel to anyone. Of course, there are certain things you may get away with. When Naive "stands on her head", Wincingpuppy may stand on it also, and one can continuously "hit" people if they pretend to do it in a way that is not malicious.

You can sing, dance, make your own room for privacy, lock it from others. . .

If you are caught, as I was once, then a "super user" may levy harsh punishment. I learned this when my lovely friends, Flash and Betty, decided to harass me. They began to dispose of all my innermost secrets onto the chat line. I tried to remain calm by sitting down, covering my ears, and singing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" to drown out their bashing (not in the actual computer center mind you, on the chat line). When I could not tolerate them any longer I shouted "F*** YOU BOTH!" over the entire line and all "rooms". I was sent to hell by Nogard immediately. When you are sent to hell, you are placed in an empty room and not allowed to interact with anyone. Luckily, I was able to get out through repenting, begging, and kissing Nogard's feet.

Now I find it amusing when other "newbies" (people without accounts) are stupid enough to try and say something rude in public. Because anyone of any age can enter the chat line, there must be restrictions on public conversations for the protection of minors.

There are several items in the "lingo" that one should know. They are pretty obvious: ppl is people, huggle is a hug, and laff is laugh. However, there are the two acronyms that it took me forever to figure out. Lol is laughs out loud and irl is in real life (every now and then users admit they have one, or make up one). The term "lag" had me and Betty confused for a very long time. We occasionally experience lag when the screen stops scrolling. It is almost as if the system hiccups, and when the screen finally does transmit, you are left behind in the conversation and actions. The lag monster is not well liked.

Now that you know the rules and lingo, you need to learn the basic directions. Eventually, you will pick up more and more commands, but in the beginning only a few are needed. Say, sing, and shout are self explanatory; emote is an action; pemote is a possessive action; and each of these actions may be sent such that only selected users will receive them by tell, remote, and other commands. One can enact several other handy programming items, such as the ability to ignore someone. Whenever someone annoys me or is boring, I may set a message to be sent to a particular name every time they try to talk to me. Once, someone who kept asking me personal questions received only the message: "I am pretending I don't hear you because you are obnoxious." If only it could be so easy in real life.

I would compare it to calling long distance, except you don't have to pay anything.

The users whom you would most likely prefer to ignore range as far in personality and characteristics as any other group of people. Some are people at home, but several of them are college students who fully utilize all of the programs that come with their school's internet package. So far, I have convinced four of my friends to chat at the vineyard. I would compare it to calling long distance, except you don't have to pay anything. I guess I don't know how to explain it.

I reunited one person I met on the chat lines with a long lost friend who attends Hamilton. They grew apart when they both went away for a summer and were very grateful to be in contact again. Soon I will have introduced five people to the vineyard.

I realized that it is a slow process to introduce the entire campus one at a time, so I figure anyone who would read this far into one of my articles ought to be told how. Look for a program called "telnet" in the internet tools folder on the Macintosh computers. On IBM's you will see it on the farthest right window. Once you are in the program, there is the "open session" option in the file menu. This is where you specify the chat line you wish to join. There is *mud.igc.net 4242, toybox.info-magic.com 7979,* and *vineyard.igc.net 4242.* The rest is explained by the program.

On the program, there is a wide spectrum of users. There are people who have only been on once or twice, people who use it maybe one night a week, and those who consider it another life. If you think about it, it's frightening how life-like it can be. You can think, sing, dance, make you own room for privacy, lock it from others, or even, as the most addicted do (sorry Oldfaithful) practice marriages and adoptions. Oldfaithful was happily wed to Siren two nights ago. I am a little skeptical as to the validity of a wedding over the net, but perhaps that's the beauty of it.

Of course, there are those who will read this and say, "What a waste of time." And, there are those who will save an enormous amount of money on phone bills by introducing friends at other institutions to the chatline. While I do occasionally use the chat line to procrastinate, my rationalization is I have just transferred my e-mail time. No loss. At least, that is what I say now, although most of you will probably see me at an e-mail/chatline anonymous meeting in the not so far future.

FYI: A look at caffeine's dangers

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.

Do you drink coffee, tea or soft drinks? If so read on. Although people have perked themselves up with caffeine since the Stone Age, excessive caffeine intake can be harmful.

The Food and Drug Administration classifies caffeine as a "generally recognized safe" drug that stimulates the central nervous system, heart, and stomach. Many over-the-counter and prescription drugs, including stimulants, cold remedies, pain relievers, and diet pills, contain caffeine.

Coffee, tea, cola and chocolate are common sources of caffeine. In coffee, the caffeine content depends on the variety of coffee bean and on how it was ground and brewed. One cup of brewed coffee contains about 115 milligrams of caffeine. A cup of brewed tea contains about half as much. Soft drinks are a major caffeine source because manufacturers often add caffeine to soft drinks. On average, caffeinated soft drinks supply about 45 mg of caffeine per serving. A cup of hot chocolate contains only about 5 mg of caffeine.

Low doses of caffeine - one or two cups of coffee per day- may increase alertness, reduce drowsiness and lessen fatigue. In some cases, caffeine aborts migraine headaches. Its effects peak after about one hour and last for roughly three hours.

Large doses of caffeine, usually more than about four cups a day, produce "caffeinism" or "coffee nerves." Symptoms include restlessness, nervousness, anxiety, headache, insomnia, and stomach disturbances. Daily caffeine users may not even associate these symptoms with caffeine. Caffeinism can easily be mistaken for chronic anxiety. On the other hand, suddenly eliminating caffeine from the diet can cause fatigue and headaches, among other symptoms.

Recent research has not shown a causal relationship between caffeine intake and cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure, birth defects, breast disease, or ulcers, but some cautionary words are in order. Most physicians recommend that ulcer patients avoid caffeine, and while no studies have definitively shown that caffeine has negative effects on developing fetuses, the FDA and most obstetricians recommend that pregnant women restrict their caffeine intake.

Smoking speeds up the body's metabolism of caffeine. When a smoker quits smoking, the amount of caffeine in the blood may increase, resulting in caffeinism. If you are a smoker and coffee drinker who wants to stop smoking and cut down on your coffee intake, it is probably best not to chance both at the same time. However, don't use this as an excuse to keep smoking - just quit smoking first.

Remember, caffeine is a drug, so talk to your health care provider before using excessive caffeine or taking it in combination with other drugs. In general, think twice about that third cup of coffee!

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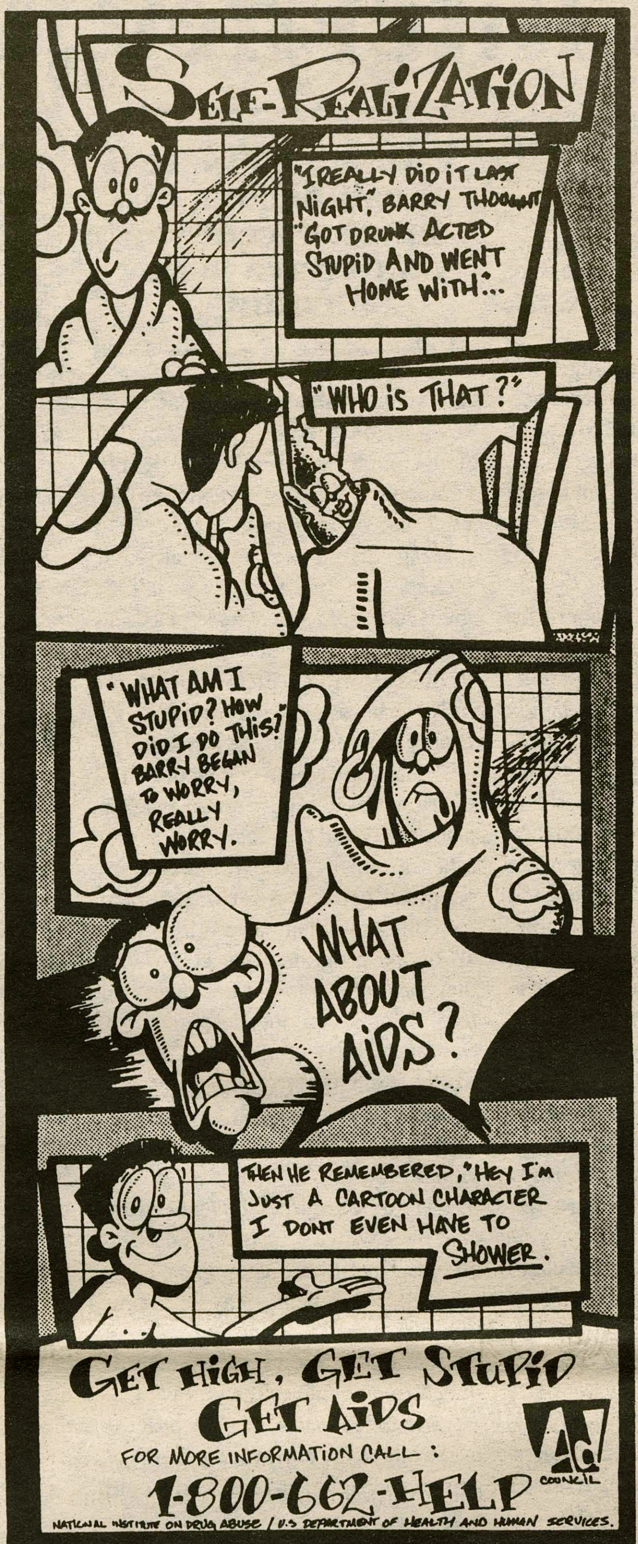

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Amnesty International

Women in Colombia are continually victims of human rights violations and abuses

HAMILTON COLLEGE CHAPTER OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Women in Colombia, particularly in rural areas, have been the victims of persistent abuses by armed forces, their paramilitary allies and armed opposition groups - abuses which have been carried out with impunity. As women increasingly assume leadership roles in their local communities, professional associations and grassroots movements, they face a growing risk of political killings, threats, intimidation, ill-treatment and torture, including rape and sexual abuse.

"The Colombian government must not allow women to become victims of human rights abuses simply because they, their partners, or relatives are politically active; or because they live in areas where guerrilla forces are active and are automatically considered by the armed forces to be guerrilla sympathizers or supporters," Amnesty International said in a published report recently.

Human rights activists have been particularly singled out for harassment and intimidation by the security forces and paramilitary organizations - many under the command of the armed forces. In several cases, there is strong evidence that members of the Colombian armed forces have been directly responsible for the killing and "disappearance" of human rights defenders.

Blanca Cecilia Valero de Duran, mother of three children and secretary of CREDHOS, the Barrancabermeja-based Regional Human Rights Committee, continued her work for many years despite constant intimidation. On January 29, 1992, she was shot dead by two men in civilian clothing as she left the CREDHOS office. Three policemen watched the attack without attempting to intervene. They did not try to catch the assassins, who escaped and have never been caught.

In January 1994, a Colombian newspaper reported that two naval officers had testified to the Attorney General about how their secret Naval Intelligence Unit assassinated some hundred trade unionists, teachers, journalists and human rights workers, including Blanca Cecilia Valero.

Although the Colombian government has committed grave human rights violations, armed opposition groups in that country have also contributed to the spiral of abuses. Amnesty International has received persistent reports that in areas with a guerrilla presence, women who socialize with members of the armed forces and police have been harassed, threatened and - in several cases - killed by members of armed opposition groups.

Some guerrilla groups have resorted to the practice of abduction and forcible recruitment of young women from rural areas where they operate. Other women have been kidnapped and held hostage by guerrilla organizations - something that has become increasingly widespread as ransom money has become one of the principal sources of income for guerrilla groups.

Women holding public office, such as mayors and local councilors, are held hostage for political reasons, either to press for the implementation of guerrilla proposals or to demand publicity for their policies.

Amnesty International has been pushing for Colombian authorities and leaders of armed opposition groups to ensure that women's human rights are respected. In particular, Amnesty International asks the Colombian government to increase protection for women by:

• ending torture, including rape and sexual abuse, "disappearances", and extrajudicial executions;

• investigating all reports of "disappearances", extrajudicial executions and torture, including rape and sexual abuse;

• bringing those responsible for human rights violations to justice;

• judging perpetrators of human rights violations in civilian, not military courts;

• dismantling paramilitary groups and bringing members responsible for human rights violations to justice;

• not tolerating the practice of killing, abducting or torturing women to pressure their relatives;

• compensating victims of rape, sexual abuse and other torture or ill-treatment, as well as relatives of victims of "disappearances" or extrajudicial execution;

• training law enforcement personnel and other government agents;

• guaranteeing that women activists can carry out peaceful activities without risk of jail or harassment.

Amnesty International urges the leaders of armed opposition groups to:

• observe minimum humanitarian standards;

• investigate abuses by guerrilla combatants in order to determine responsibility;

• remove individuals suspected of committing or ordering abuses against women from any position of authority and all duties which bring them into contact with captives.

To learn more about Amnesty International and its fight for justice, you can visit the World Wide Web site at **http://www.io.org/amnesty**.

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Doonesbury

BY G.B. TRUDEAU

Doonesbury BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Personals

Preston,

005 won't be the same without you! Have fun eating sushi! Get Back Soon.

-The guys in the dungeon

Sweetscrum-

I love you more than saltines. I know the real sweetscrum and she's given her little earball more happiness than all the guns and ammo in the world.

-Earball

Chick pea-

I miss you already and you haven't even left. You have to help me work on my recyclables, okay ? I love you, and I'm so JEA!!!!

-Rutabaga

Purple-

Sorry I'm such a slut, anyway I hope you can forgive me. You are a silly monkey. Please come hang out. . .I miss you.

-Yellow

Recyclable object-

Just to let you know that I think you're awesome, and for you its without a 'd'. Hope you have a great break.

-just me

Renee-

I hope you have enjoyed your presents and are being a nice little girl. Hey lets go hang out in the corner.

-Secret Snowflake

Hi folks-

Greetings from Cambridge where it rains less than Hamilton. But isn't it like that everywhere? Hope you have enough work to keep you busy, but enjoy. Letters are always welcome.

-Love, Katie

Send your personals to *The Spectator* via campus mail!

Answer to last week's crossword puzzle

Answer to previous puzzle

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Al-Ham issues vandals a warning: "Your asses are mine!"

Although neither the administration nor Hamilton security will go on record and admit it, the rejuvenated statue of our namesake, Alexander Hamilton, has returned to the campus internally armed with the latest in high-tech anti-vandalism surveillance equipment.

Students were told last semester that the statue had been sent to the workshop of Hamilton Alum John Von Bergen, but informed sources have reported otherwise. The truth—that the statue was actually sent to a team of crack anti-vandalism agents—surfaced in a clandestine conversation overheard after the recent faculty meeting to discuss the bugaboo of campus wreckage.

Taking a cigarette break from his afternoon radio show on WHCL, our confidential informant (we'll call him CI) was on the Bristol back stairs when he made his chance encounter.

Cloaked in an overcoat and sunglasses, President Tobin was observed on the loading dock speaking to a shady figure unrecognizable to CI. Mr. Tobin was identifiable only by his conspicuous bald spot. "You got the grease?" asked the other man. "Not until you tell me when the delivery's going to arrive," said Tobin firmly.

"The eagle lands tomorrow, carrying the eggs."

"So it's all set then?"

"Trust me, your problems are over," the man said.

And indeed they should be—for our reports indicate that housed within Hamilton's head is a video camera unit of staggering specifications. Check these out: a 380 line wireless color video camera, a 1/3" CCD image sensor with 78' viewing angle, built-in battery charging circuitry, and an operating frequency of 91 MHZ. The signals from this crime-fighting patriot are then sent to a receiver disguised as bad modern art located between CJ and Tobin's office in Buttrick.

At first, we found this technological jargon intimidating. However, after further research, it was consoling to find that Tobin does not know exactly what he purchased either. Nevertheless, the President seems chin-up and in charge. Furthermore, all aspects of the unit's operation and maintenance are in accordance with Hamilton's standard operating procedure. This rule dictates that while the school may not yet know how to work it, there is a committee being formed to create guidelines for its usage. And, it will be cleaned before any parental or trustee visits.

Satire by Benjamin Berkman and Ben Mintz

While acts of campus vandalism are usually construed as acts of stupidity, at the twenty-third best small college in the nation we have a different interpretation.

"We felt left out," said one student "activist" in a privileged interview with *The Spectator*. "This whole year has been full of issues: chalking, homophobia, sexism, social policy and drunk-driving, to name a few. We got tired of not seeing **our** interests represented.

"I'm an art critic," said another. "If Hamilton gave me more latitude to appraise art, maybe I wouldn't have ripped down the "16 Came Home" sculpture on the dark side."

Perhaps, as these students have indicated, there is a underlying message behind their actions. Maybe, for example, the unauthorized removal of a lamppost from Martin's Way was one communication major's way of telling security that augmenting the lighting on campus was not one of their better ideas.

Or, perchance, athletic director Tom Murphy should jack up the fall baseball program. With daily practice, indoor batting and pitching cages, broken library windows will become a thing of the past.

If all goes according to plan, vandalism should cease without the implementation of an expensive expanded studio art or sports program. Unfortunately, the statue's test runs have been less than spectacular. We were unable to determine exactly what happened during the first test run, but we do have several leads concerning a technological malfunction. We suspect that this short-circuit may be connected with the recent power outages. Pat Ingalls refused to grant us an interview on the matter, but did say, "an investigation is under way."

About a week later, a man clothed in ITS garb was seen caressing the statue's head with loving adoration. "Soon you will be as operational as the network," he whispered into its ear. A second trial took place shortly after and was slightly more successful. Vandals were caught in the act by Al's new eyes, but they outran the Hamilton security guards sent after them. The President was furious and has allegedly vowed to keep a vigil in front of the monitor, until he sees a vandal in the act.

For those intent on continuing their pattern of voluntary campus service next semester, you now have an official means. In addition to the security improvements introduced above, an ad-hoc committee on Hamilton beautification will also be in place. It will be comprised of students and faculty members, and anyone who feels certain objects on the campus are visually offensive—say trees along a walkway—will have to refer their opinions to the committee.

Protect your investment, a call to end vandalism

Sara Falkenberry

Pretzel Logic

In the past, I have tried to refrain from commenting on campus politics in my column. After last week's fire extinguisher incident, the latest of the many acts of vandalism, I cannot remain silent. We are no longer sheltered from the crime, violence, and hatred that stirs in the rest of this country. No, there aren't gang shootings and car-jackings in Clinton, but there is crime—vandalism. As a student at one of the most prestigious schools in the country, I am appalled.

It began with the dismantling of the Alexander Hamilton statue. When I learned of this incident, I was studying abroad, and found it harmless. I now understand that there was student hostility resulting from the Residential Life Survey. No one was hurt, so who cares? I will not be afraid anymore to say that I care. Stealing and vandalism are not ways to show your discontent. If anything, it enforces the belief that we are not mature and responsible enough to act in a respectable manner.

Although I could list all of the things that have been damaged thus far, I don't think anyone needs a recap. You see it all around you every day. The one thing that you may not know, is the cost of the damage. It is still being assessed but the total is close to $100,000! That is what it cost for me to attend Hamilton. On top of tuition, I will be paying for a fraction of the damages . Yes, you will be paying for them too. Does that make you think twice about the vandalism that has been committed? Unless you are independently wealthy, I should think it would.

So, what was it about the last incident that caused me to speak up? Spraying offices with toxins is malicious. When pranks become dangerous, they cease being funny. If you thought these things were funny in the past, GROW UP! Professors that were working on books could have lost years of work due to this act. The issue is no longer about money and disrespect. It is about the hatred that consumes these perpetrators. If you hate Hamilton, I give you two options: take the initiative to change things, or leave. We don't want you here. Perhaps this is not the way to approach the issue, but I am angry.

At the vandalism rally President Tobin said he "would rather not take action, because he believed in the students' right to determine the actions with which the school should respond." I agree that students should take the initiative in making Hamilton a better place, but they need assistance from the administration. It is futile to make an effort of change things when the school does not discipline vandals. Students are either slapped on the wrist, or not punished at all. I spoke to a professor, and he said that members of security, and the custodial staff are aware of those committing vandalism, but do not come forward for fear the school will not support them. These people have worked here for years and love this campus more than anyone. They have given much to this school, and are afraid that it cannot give them support in return. That is a shame.

So, what's the answer? Firstly, you must be willing to stand up for yourself, and your school. You have invested at least $100,000 dollars in your education, so I think that it is worth it to protect your investment. Respect Hamilton and its community. Stop complaining. If there is something you don not like, work to change it.

What do I think the Administration can do? Support the rest of the school. You must be willing to work with students to ensure safety. Stricter punishments should be handed out to offenders. Forget the J-Board, these are real crimes. If students can be pulled over for DWI's on campus, then the police shold handle these matters too. Make it easier for the witnesses to come forward. This is a small place and word travels fast. Yet people are denying that they know anything about the vandalism for fear of retaliation. People will only come forward if they are certain of their safety. Hamilton seemed to be going up in the ratings, but now it is a sinking ship. If Hamilton sinks, we all do.

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Parting thoughts on time well spent at *The Spec*

Memories of sunrises, sleepless nights, the president, and waking people at 2 a.m.

It was a late November night a year ago when I found out I would be editor-in-chief of *The Spectator*. I was anxiously waiting in my room for the phone call that would deliver the news, good or bad, about the job I wanted more than anything in the world. After several phone calls, all false alarms, I realized trying to do any work while waiting was futile and I lay down to try and nap. I was on the verge of sleep when the phone startled me back into awareness.

"Oh my God!" were the first words out of my mouth when I heard the news. I lost my breath for a moment. Then it began to sink in and a feeling of relief came over me.

One year and nearly 30 issues of *The Spectator* later, I'm happy to report I still remember that evening fondly. The job has lived up to my expectations and beyond. I have put in many long nights and stressful days. Each week has been a daunting challenge, and there have been times when I've been amazed that we produced a news paper at all. But in the end, it has been more than worth the effort, and given the chance to do it again, I would.

Many of my best *Spectator* memories are the more unusual ones. Like walking back to my room at 8:30 on Friday mornings after putting the paper to bed, and greeting my well-rested professors on their way to class.

Or, the various occasions when we had to call the Kirkland Police in the middle of the night to get information on a late-breaking news story. A different Spec staff member was assigned each time to this onerous task which usually involved dealing with the surly officer on-duty who would inform us he had no knowledge of the incident earlier in the evening requiring the response of several squad cars.

Gabriel Meyer
Outgoing Editor-in-Chief

More often than not, we'd dial the wrong number before reaching the police. Usually, it was the same wrong number. If the gentleman whose number we called is reading this column, I would like to extend to you my sincere apologies for the numerous times we woked you at one in the morning.

There was also the time we discovered at 1:30 a.m. that one of our lead news stories on a women's conference had not arrived. There would be hell to pay if the story didn't run and our writer was nowhere to be found. So, at 2 o'clock, we began making phone calls to someone—anyone who might know something about the conference. After a long and painful hour, we extracted our story from two sources we rolled out of bed to give us their account of the conference. By 3 o'clock, we'd written the article and placed it on the front page.

Other than our sources, no one outside our office knew how close we had come to disaster. The two students we had awoken in the middle of the night were rewarded with thank you notes and the heartfelt appreciation of the Spec staff.

One of my most memorable Spec-related experiences came when I attended College Media at the White House last March. I was invited thanks to one of our sports editors, Trip MacCracken '96 who'd helped organize the event when he was a White House intern in Hamilton's Washington semester program.

Following a presidential press conference, the 150 college newspaper editors in attendance stood in a receiving line to shake hands and have their pictures taken with President Clinton. I was determined to impress upon him that I attended Hamilton College, in *Clinton*, New York.

But when I reached the front of the line, all courage failed me and my speech fell victim to my surging pulse.

"I- I'm ve-very pleased to meet you, Mr. President. I g- go to college at Hamilton," I said, sounding like a bad piece of *Spectator* prose. "It's - it's in Clinton."

"Well, I'm very pleased to meet you, Gabriel," said the president with his Arkansas drawl. The man's charisma was unbelievable.

The photo taken during our brief exchange now hangs on the wall of my room. It will be a memento of the Spec throughout my life.

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With my days at the *Spec* at a close and having seen my last sunrise on a Friday morning, I can finally step back and reflect upon my experience. Most of it has been genuinely rewarding. Perhaps the best part of the job came from seeing students engrossed in the Spec over Saturday brunch. There was also the feedback I received from students and faculty, most of it positive.

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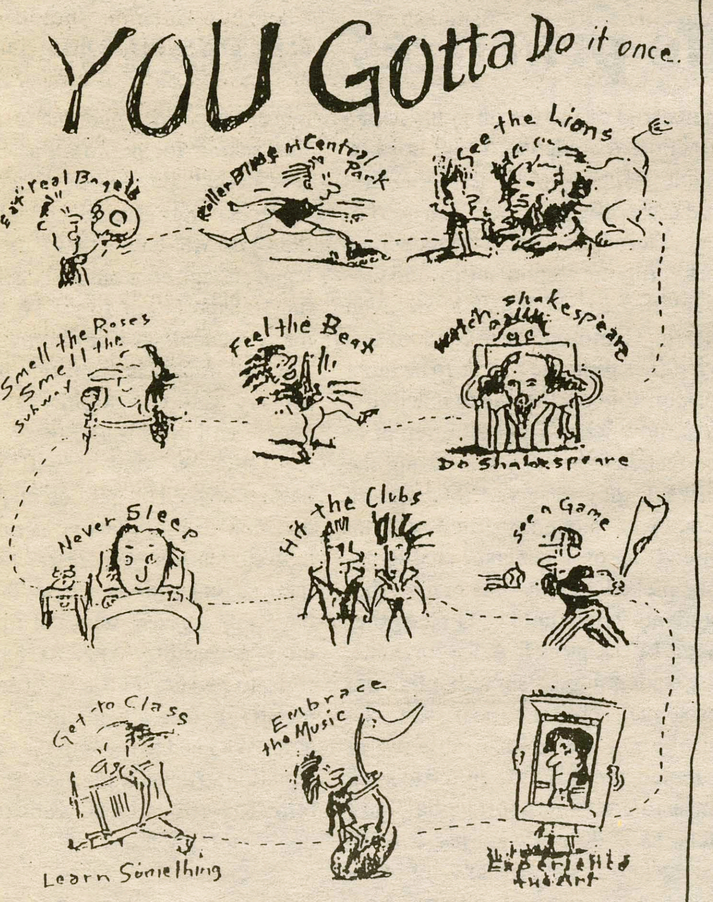
My job has also been difficult and frustrating. Many times, I've gone to sleep on a Friday night upset over a butchered headline or an egregious error in our latest edition. There have also been times when I've wanted to abandon the paper at 3 o'clock on a Friday morning to get some sleep, leaving my job behind. But somehow, with the support of a dedicated staff, I made it through, and for better or worse, the Spec was always in the dining halls by dinner-time on Friday.

Most importantly, my time at the Spec has been a learning experience, one which rivaled my classes in educational value. Out of necessity, everyone at the Spec learns basic diplomacy, mediation, and interpersonal skills, even if only from the numerous apologies we make to disgruntled students, advertisers, and subscribers. And of course, dealing with an irritable and tired crew in the wee hours of the morning presents its own unique set of challenges to all of us.

Most of the credit for this newspaper goes to my staff who during last year have put in time and effort above and beyond the call of duty, and have gone through many sleepless Thursday nights in the name of *The Spectator*. I would like to thank all of them for their loyal and unwavering commitment throughout my tenure as editor.

I wish the best of luck to my successor, Dave Townsend '97, and thank him for his effort and dedication as Managing Editor during the last semester.

I hope that in years to come, *The Spectator* will continue to grow and evolve, carrying out its mission of bringing news to the Hamilton Community. It has been a great part of my life. I hope that for many future Hamilton students, it will be the same.



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Letters to the Editor

All students are valued at Hamilton

To the Editor:

I was disgusted today when I read the comments on a poster in Beinecke about white privilege. Most of the comments were derogatory and inexcusable. I cannot get the exact quotation because the poster was removed, but the list of one of the comments was that because Caucasian was the majority race, any privileges whites have are legitimate. To anyone who feels that way, understand that hatred and racism are never legitimate.

When I read the poster, I realized how easily could have walked on by and not even considered the pain that so many non-whites must face daily. As a member of the majority race in tis country, and at Hamilton, I could be comfortable without having to go out of my way. I am never told that I am less than others because of my skin color, or asked to represent the feelings, opinions, and experiences of everyone else who happens to be of the same race. I am privileged.

As I read the comments on the poster that insulted people I know and humans in general, I realized how easy it is for me to read the poster, get upset, and then walk away and forget it. For many others though, that is not an option that society gives them. They must face racism, subtle and overt, on a daily basis. How trying that must be!

How can attitudes such as those expressed on the poster exist at Hamilton College, an educational institution? Another student told me that she understood why such comments were written. "The things the list of Ten White Privileges at Hamilton was nit-picky." I do not agree. If we cannot put our own fears and desires aside and empathize with others, we will never increase in wisdom and understanding. The privileges we take for granted are not as small as we may assume.

I want to encourage white students at Hamilton to take a moment to think about what minority students at Hamilton must experience. We cannot imagine at all, but we can start. We need to help create an environment were all students are safe and have the opportunity to learn. To the non-white students here at Hamilton, please do not give up hope.

Karina Hahn '97

Students urged to return borrowed dishes

To the Editor:

Students, please, please, please, please return the mugs, bowls, plates, knives, forks, spoons, etc. you have borrowed from the dining service to either Commons or McEwen before you leave for break. You have just paid $8,342 for china taken between August 27th and October 1st. That amount is being added to your student damage charge for the losses. Return them clean, return them dirty - just please return them and save yourself some more damage charges.

AND when you consider returning the china, also consider returning the plants and decorations you have removed from the dining halls. The cost for those items stolen during September and October is $4653.

Our aim is to provide the best food service and most pleasing dining conditions possible. We need your help to do that.

Betsy Espe
Director,
Auxiliary and Contract Services

EDITORIAL

Some thoughts on academics

Academics are the core and lifeblood of any institution of higher education. They determine the caliber of its student and to a large degree, its a national reputation. As this semester draws to a close, we find it appropriate to share some of our thoughts on academics at Hamilton.

Make the senior thesis a requirement

Hamilton has long prided itself on its teaching of written communication skills. Why then, should a thesis not be required? Despite rules mandating that students take three "writing-intensive" courses during their four years here, most will attest there are numerous ways to circumvent a truly rigorous writing requirement. Many writing-intensive courses actually require less writing than courses not designated as such. As a result, some students leave Hamilton with little more writing ability than they had as first-years.

Writing a thesis can also be highly rewarding endeavor. For many, it is their only chance to write at length on an unusual subject of great interest, particularly for those not going on to graduate school.

Lighten the work load for finals

Rules already exist barring faculty from giving tests just prior to final exam period. Clearly, this rule is sensible, as without it, one week of final exams could easily become two or more. This rule does not, however, extend to the assignment of papers.

While we do not advocate a rule prohibiting paper assignments during the last week of classes, professors should voluntarily lighten the workload. Numerous students complain that they have four papers due one week, before four finals the next. Of course, there are many long-term assignments, including theses which should be due during the final week before exams. But it is not fair to assign a large paper on one week's notice, due on the last day of classes.

Let's take reading period seriously

Unfortunately, some students do not. In sad testimony to this fact, some students proudly boast that they intend to use this time for heavy drinking. Meanwhile, the Dean of Students Office felt compelled to issue a memo to the student body outlining the rules for reading period. Among them is a prohibition on events with alcohol. It is unfortunate that because of the lack of self-restraint of some, students of legal drinking age attending end of semester dinners sponsored by numerous campus organizations, like *The Spectator* and WHCL, cannot so much as enjoy a single beer with their meal.

Academics are not uncool

Discussing course work and academic matters outside class must be encouraged. However, in many student circles, an anti-intellectual mood prevails and any discussion of academic matters is frowned upon. Sure, most of us would like to forget about academics as exams approach, and for some time we certainly should. But despite the peer pressure to play it cool and act as if academics do not matter, they do for all of us. That's why we're at Hamilton College.

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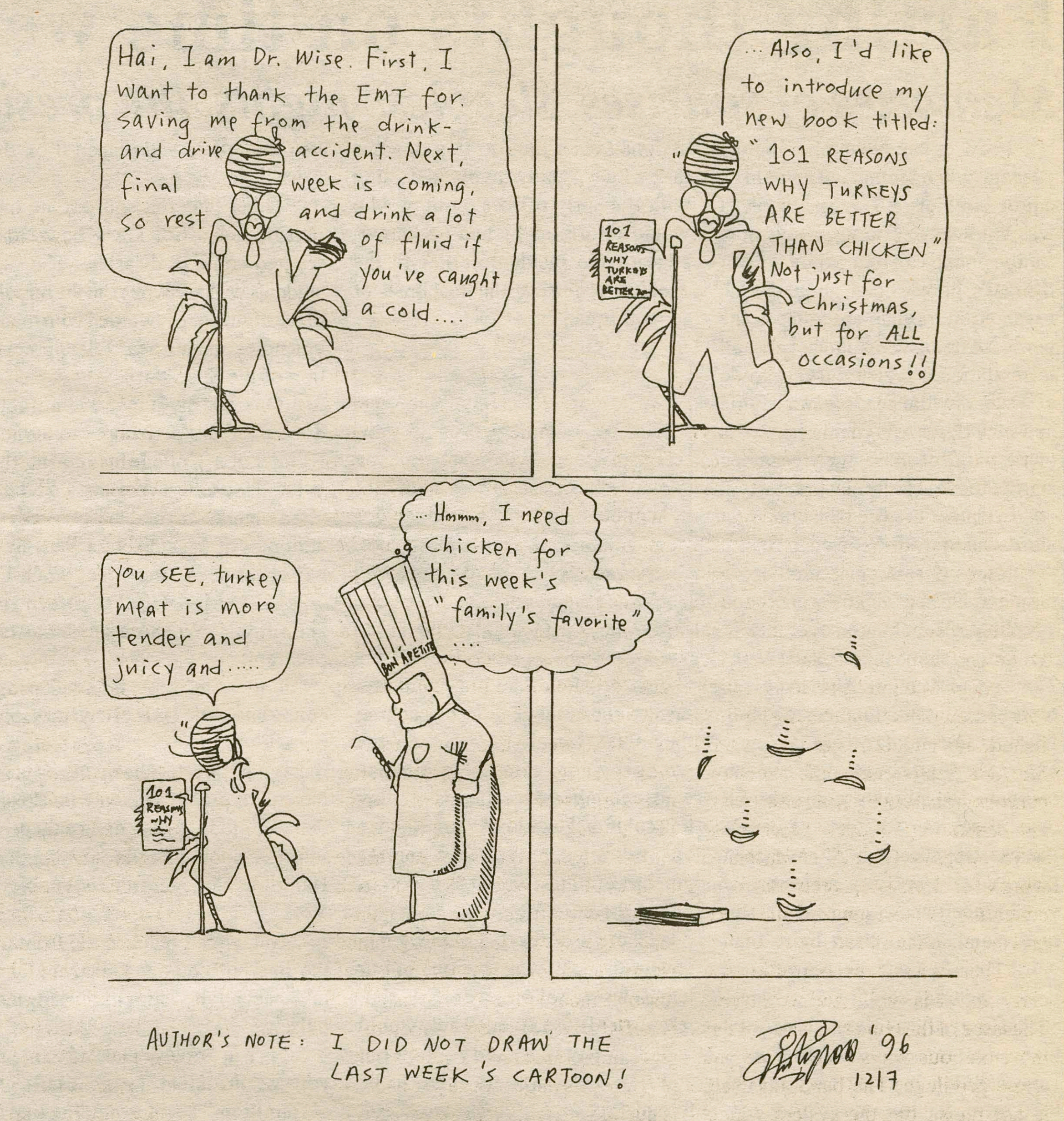

Letters to the Editor

Change in condom dispensing policy will increase unsafe practices, says student

To the Editor:

I am writing to not only the Hamilton Community, but to the Health Center as well due to the change in policy towards giving out free condoms to students. As a sophomore, I recall envelopes and baskets placed in bathrooms and hallways offering free condoms. After being away for a year, I returned as a senior to find the policy had changed. Now we must either ask our R.A.s or go to the not-so-anonymous Health Center to obtain condoms.

People have the right to retain their anonymity if they simply want free condoms that the school claims to offer. I recognize that frequently some people abused this service by hoarding condoms or making a mockery of them. Others also took condoms and poked holes in them and placed them back in the bathrooms. Nevertheless, the whole Hamilton student body should not be penalized due to the immaturity of a fraction of students. There must be some solutions other than the ones we presently have.

The whole point of free condoms is to promote responsibility and prevent disease, pregnancy, or even death. Hamilton's free condom service does promote people to be more responsible for their sexual activity. Yet, now when students attempt to be responsible, they risk losing the privacy they deserve. The Health Center is frequently filled with an abundance of students so that if someone picked up condoms many other students would notice. On the other hand, by asking an R.A. for condoms, the student leaves some implication of sexual activity to a person s/he might not be comfortable with. Granted, the R.A. is required to keep these interactions confidential, but I personally do not want my R.A. to think, know, or have any information about my sexual activity. Asking the R.A. for condoms is almost like asking for permission to have sex. Frankly purchasing condoms at a grocery store is more appealing to me. The problem is that I am privileged enough economically and with the transportation to do so, while many students at Hamilton are not. The ramifications from this loss of privacy and accessibility are that people will opt for unprotected sex.

Obviously students will and are having sex. The school made the decision to provide free service to help students be more responsible in their sexual activity. Now that we have this service, why not make it more accessible? People have a right to privacy and a right to protected sex, they are *not* interchangeable. We need to revamp the current situation so that people have accessibility to free condoms, while retaining their anonymity.

Rebecca Egan '96

Plea to find lost bag

To the Editor:

My book bag with all of my notes for all of my classes was taken from Babbit Suite 30 on Wednesday December 6 around 4:30. It is a green mail person bag that contains notebooks, three class books, and unopened mail.

If the person who took it is reading this- or you know of its whereabouts *please please please* either turn it into security, Dean of Students, or 52 Utica St.

Thank you,
Jane Smith '96

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Letters to the Editor

Students clarify white privilege message

To the Editor,

We write in response to the letter published last week entitled "Can a Band-aid really be racist?" The project upon which the letter was written focused on white privilege, not racism. It is crucial to clarify the differences between the two. Racism is a system of oppression in which one race considers itself to be superior to another. White privilege is a system of unearned advantages that white people benefit from.

Peggy Macintosh is not a Hamilton student, but rather a well-published and widely respected writer. She did not circulate the fliers on campus nor did she hang the band-aid poster in Beinecke. Her words were adapted from her published works for a class project, aimed at educating the campus about white privilege at Hamilton.

There is a system controlling society and it is white and exclusive. The issue of the band-aid is one of the most obvious ways of pointing out white privilege. The band-aid itself is not racist, but the system which defined white as the standard is dangerous and problematic. A second example of this is the issue of smelling bad. The standards of hygiene are culturally set. America is the only place on earth that places so much emphasis on an individual's body odor. In our country, the assumption that people of color are "dirty" stems from a white American standard of hygiene.

Unfortunately, white privilege is a reality on this campus. Non-white students face the consequences of white privileges daily. For instance, white students can choose to eat at an all white table without being considered separatist and antisocial. The same can not be assumed for the students of color. White students are not driven out of their department of concentration to find mentors who they can culturally identify with. Students of color often are.

It is ever more important to note that views which question our thinking are not radical and incendiary," nor are they "ridiculous" and "foolish." We urge the three authors of last week's letter to look at the issue in context. We challenge the white members of the Hamilton community to think of just one unearned privilege that they benefit from. The people of color on this campus are made acutely aware of white privilege on a daily basis. It is due time to recognize white privilege as a campus; learn to understand it and act against it.

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Ads should have a better message

To the Editor:

I am writing to address the ad run in last week's issue of the Spectator concerning the U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team Diet. I find it absolutely atrocious that you would run an add for a weight loss program when it is common knowledge that eating disorders are a prevalent problem on this campus.

When following a healthy diet and exercise schedule, one can lose approximately two pounds per week. The U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team Diet promises the loss of twenty pounds in two weeks. This is obviously unhealthy and dangerous. I wish that the Spectator would not encourage such activity on this campus, especially seeing that eating disorders are already widely accepted, maintained and supported by the community as a whole.

Eating disorders should be taken very seriously. We, as a community, should be very concerned with the health and safety of the individuals on this campus. Eating disorders are evidence of a larger problem revolving around a lack of self-esteem and self-confidence. We, as a community, need to vocalize our value for individuals because of who they are inside, not what they look like on the outside.

Mary Parzych '98

Flyer's message misunderstood

To the Editor:

In the December 1 issue of *The Spectator*, there was a letter commenting on a flyer, entitled, "The Top 10 Examples of White Privilege at Hamilton College." The flyer was based on an article, "White Privilege and Male Privilege," by Peggy McIntosh. As professors who use Peggy McIntosh's article, we would like to respond to this letter.

McIntosh is examining the ways in which privilege, i.e., unarned advantages that come with one's membership in certain social categories, operates in daily life. She illustrates this by analyzing race and gender privilege.

The writers of the recent letter have misunderstood the difference between white privilege— advantages that benefit white peoplle, simply because they are white— and racist acts. While white privilege and racism are intertwined, they are not identical. White privilege describes the unacknowledged benefits of being white in a social hierarchy that systematically confers ppower and dominance on whites and results in an unequal distribution and access to resources.

We can hardly consider ourselves an intellectual community when pointing oout privilege in relation to social hierarchies is considered "radical and incendiary" and the examples illustrating this privilege are thought of as "arbitrary and unimportant differences."

Professor Margaret Gentry
Professor Shelley Haley
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Hamilton staff members speak out against vandals

To the Editor,

We would like to voice our opinion regarding the vandalism on campus. How many of you have been brought up by your parents believing that anything within your reach was there merely for destruction. Do you think you are entitled to break as many windows as you like, break the branches off newly planted trees, or perhaps even to empty the contents of a fire extinguisher into the offices of several faculty members (endangering the health of many)?

You obviously do not know how hard the Physical Plant staff works to make your lives comfortable here on the Hill. Perhaps you should "walk a mile in their shoes." Try cleaning up after yourselves.

It is hard to imagine that you do not see this destruction occurring. Haven't you got the courage to speak up? Many of you participated in something called "Take Back the Night." How can you believe in this concept if you cannot even take back your own campus?

Because we both live in the local area, we end up hearing people complain about the behavior of the Hamilton College students. We do not find ways to defend you. It is unfortunate that the bad behavior is overshadowing the good deeds done by others.

When your parents question you about the amount of the student damage bill, instead of telling them to call the Residential Life Office, why not tell them what they are really paying for? Have you the courage? Come on people, grow up?

Regina Dischiavo
Ann Burns

Letter and Op-Ed Policy

The Spectator's **Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless,** ***The Spectator*** **does have editing policies for contributions.**

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to ***The Spectator*** **via campus mail or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be placed in the Letters and Op-Ed box outside** ***The Spectator's*** **office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.**

2. Letters should be less than 300 words, and the editor reserves the right to edit opinion articles for length. ***The Spectator*** **will also edit for misspellings, typographical errors, poor grammar, as well as diction. If specified, the editor will inform you of the changes.** ***The Spectator*** **also reserves the right not to print letters and opinion pieces.**

3. If the editor determines that a piece may be libelous, or an unwarranted invasion of privacy, then the piece will not be printed. ***The Spectator*** **reserves the right to correct factual inaccuracies or to refuse to print a piece due to factual inaccuracies.**

4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

6. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed. However, letters may be printed with the names withheld upon request, subject to the discretion of the editors.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of December 8 to 15

Libra
(September 23-October 22)
I know, it's tough, and friendships do tend to culminate in the last week of school, but just push on through. You can do it, finals end next week and although everything seems to be piling up, you will be able to make it home.

Scorpio
(October 23-November 21)
You are lost in your own little world and are forgetting those that made you comfortable enough to get there. Don't be angry if now they try to make a new world too.

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21)
Be wary of your friendships and the inevitable connections of them to your love interests. Don't listen to what other people are telling you, go with your own instincts, they are what count in the long run.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19)
Old friendships can sometimes be rekindled, however, sometimes it is right to move on. Never pull yourself back because you are worried of leaving someone else behind.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18)
New opportunities may appear as the semester dies down. Grasp them, there is a reason that suddenly they are appearing into your hemisphere. These opportunities may seem different than any you have ever done before, but remember, every one is allowed to grow.

Pisces
(February 19-March 20)
Someone may be leaving you, to move on to something that will bring them new and wonderful experiences. Watch them, leave, and smile as you say goodbye, they will come back because of your smile and your strength. It the strength that people see in you.

Aries
(March 21-April 19)
Beware of friends who are lovers, you may find yourself more involved than it may appear to be. But remember friends and lovers are the best combination and you will find

Taurus
(April 20-May 20)
Honey, wake up. The world is spinning out of your control and you are in danger of losing those who mean most to you. Don't try to hold them back, let them fly the cage and they will return in their own time.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20)
An old friend may be visiting you. Open your arms and welcome her/him into your embrace. She/He may have vacillated and wandered a little far away, but now she/he knows what she/he wants.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22)
The clouds are breaking away from your vision. Pay attention to what you now see and do. It will not only affect you, but all of those who live and are around you.

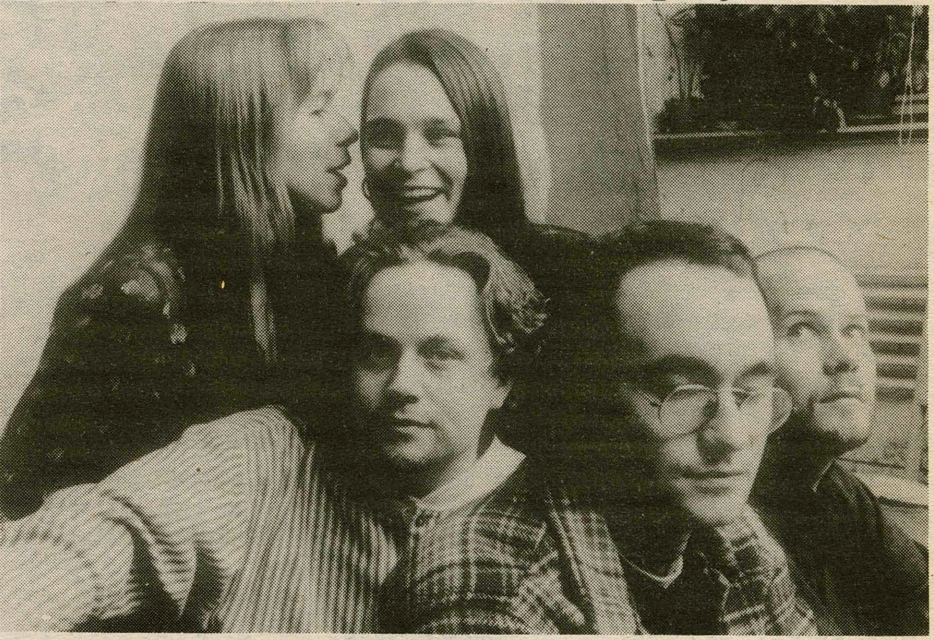
Leo
(July 23-August 22)
You've been in hibernation for awhile. Now you've come to the crossroads again and this time you are really sure of where you want to go. The road less travelled by is the one you've already taken, you've made your own path and now you're ready to see the world that all the others have made for you.

Virgo
(August 23-September 22)
Tonight, before you are sleeping take one last look at the stars. Take that last five minutes for yourself, you have ben giving for far too long. You are not the protector, the mother/father, the fluttering friend always to the rescue. Remember yourself again, and rediscover who you are.

Nields rock with interesting blend

Folk/rock featured in Acoustic Coffeehouse performance

By Peter Gaston '99
A&E Editor



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The Nields: Nerissa Nields, Katryna Nields, Dave Hower, Dave Chalfant, and David Nields. The folk/rock quintet played the Barn last Thursday.

Much like the free coffee available in last Thursday's Acoustic Coffeehouse, the band on stage was an interesting blend. The performance proved that a hearty portion of folk flavored with modern guitar and a pinch of pure rock yields Nields.

The Nields, a quintet from Massachusetts, played in front of a head-bobbing (although seated) full house in the Events Barn featuring songs from their forthcoming album, *Gotta Get Over Greta* (available March 5), and their previous recordings, *Abigail* and *Bob On The Ceiling*.

Riding the classic vocals of sisters Katryna and Nerissa Nields to a folk/pop perfection enhanced by the colorful electric guitar work of David Nields and the grooving rythm section of Dave Chalfant (bass) and Dave Hower (drums), the band cranked out seventeen songs that had the audience lining up at the merchandise table to buy Nields CDs after the show.

One of the highlights was "Bulletproof," a song that will appear on the breast cancer benefit album, *Women for Women* (PolyGram), along with songs by such big names as Melissa Etheridge, Tina Turner, Annie Lennox, Sheryl Crow, and Aimee Mann.

"Just Like Christopher Columbus" and "Merry Christmas Mr. Jones," two songs from *Bob on the Ceiling*, got the crowd enthused, but the lively, radio-friendly "James," also from *Bob*, was the peak of the night.

After "James," David Nields stated that the next song would be very serious. As soon as all was still, the Nields burst into the hilarious "Superhero Soup" which served as the introduction for the band members. Especially cool was Chalfant's quirky bass part and baritone mumblings.

The Nields began their career in coffeehouse environments in and around Washington, DC, as a trio featuring the three Nields. When all had graduated college, they moved to Massachusetts and continued with the band as a hobby.

David Nields was an English teacher at the Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut (and taught CAB's Huck Touhey). All were working, and they found time to play venues on their vacations. They recorded two albums, both out of print, as a trio with a sound that was much more folk than anything else.

Two years ago, the Nields met Chalfant, who joined the band, produced both *Bob* and *Abigail*, and recruited Hower to play drums. The Nields line-up is still the same, although the sound has changed since the early days.

"We all come from different scenes," said a relaxed David Nields after the show. "The girls grew up on folk, I'm more like R.E.M., Dave [Chalfant] has heavy metal roots, and Dave Hower started with punk.

"It's really all of the different genres slammed together. Call it folk-rock-alternative-punk," Nields continued. "Our lyrics are emphasized, but we like the Smashing Pumpkins too. It all blends."

This blend contributes to an interesting aspect of the band: the range of ages in the audience was somewhat surprising. The bulk were Hamilton students, but a number of younger kids and older people were there too. "A producer once told us, 'No one can touch the Nields' demographics.' Still, our audience has a stronger percentage of high school and college kids," said Nields.

Look for the Nields on tour over the next few months. Over Winter Break, they will play in Philadelphia, Hartford, New Hampshire, and Maine. If you'd like to get your hands on Nields CDs, merchandise, or mailers, call 1-800-5-NIELDS.

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MOVIES IN REVIEW

WITH GINA CARBONE '99

TOY STORY

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I made the mistake of seeing *Toy Story* a couple of weeks after it opened. I resisted watching it because I'm one of those backward freaks that disapproves of computer animation and longs for the arduous and expensive drawing animation of yore. However, I do possess an open mind, so when I was told by many people (even hard-core artists) that *Toy Story* was a great flick, I decided to try it on. Any movie that has been hyped up by enough people will inevitably fail in my estimations. I probably would have been more impressed two weeks ago. It's the Forest Gump effect: a great movie is made, word gets around, it's overhyped, overpublicized, over-imitated, and I end up wanting to set the tape on fire.

Toy Story is a very funny, well made, aesthetically pleasing movie. I just don't think it was that good. Tom Hanks and Tim Allen lead a cast of toys in a young boy named Andy's room. Hanks plays Woody, a pull string cowboy who leads the group and is adored for being Andy's favorite toy. The group live in constant fear of birthday or Christmas presents where Andy may get a new toy and discard one of them. This year Andy got the newest popular kids toy–a Buzz Lightyear doll based on the real astronaut.

Buzz (played with Captain Kirk like suavé by Tim Allen) is an advanced toy with wings and a flashing ray and lots of buttons that fascinates the other toys. Inevitably, Woody gets jealous. Woody is an evil toy I think. True he gets nicer as the picture progresses, but Hanks has that loud annoying yell that he can make when he's angry, that just doesn't sound toy-like.

Woody spends the whole movie attempting to get rid of Buzz and regain his place as the favored toy. Everyone adores Buzz, but the problem is that he actually thinks he's the real Buzz Lightyear, and ignores every attempt of Woody's to prove to him that he's not. He's convinced that his spaceship crashed on this strange planet and tries to find a new way home.

Computer animation, although not as talent-oriented, does require a lot of work. The making of *Toy Story* added up to 114,240 frames, 600 billion bytes 160 billion pixels, and 800,000 machine hours. Soon, Disney may not need the thousands of artists that flock there for work.

Balkan takes love of jazz to radio station

By Mark Granovsky '98
Assistant Sports Editor

While the Hamilton community is slowly awakening on Sunday morning, Professor Erol Balkan of the Economics Department is hard at work. Is he correcting papers or doing research? Not quite. Erol Balkan is hosting "Jazz Moments" on WHCL from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays. "I really enjoy the show," remarks Balkan.

"Jazz Moments" has graced the airwaves for two years. Lyntheia Matthews '95, former general manager to WHCL, knew of Balkan's interest in jazz and asked if he was interested in doing a show on Sundays. "The executive board decided to do jazz shows and there has been great feedback from the community," explains Balkan.

This love for jazz reflects in his show on Sunday morning. The format consists of themes with a particular emphasis on sax players such as John Coltrane, Dexter Gordon, and Charlie Parker. Other themes have been female vocalists, beebop, traditional jazz, and cool jazz. Sometimes he will play some interpretations of songs such as "Round Midnight." Balkan also has great admiration for piano players like Herbie Hancock and Bill Evans who get equal recognition on the show.

"I had a little band in college that played in small coffeehouses, but it didn't last very long."
—Professor Erol Balkan

Why is jazz so important to Balkan? Jazz is overwhelming music because it can create unexpected emotions in the listener. Balkan quotes newcomer saxophonist Josh Redman: "Jazz, like all great music, attains its value not through intellectual complexity, but through emotional complexity." At home, Erol sits down to hear the music, but if one stopped by WHCL during Balkan's show, he would find Balkan dancing. "I always get into it," he states proudly.

Balkan's interest in jazz goes back to his childhood. His father played piano and was interested in the big band music of Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, and the Glen Miller Orchestra. Balkan began the tenor saxophone as a boy and continued playing through his undergraduate study at the University of North Carolina. "I had a little band in college that played in small coffeehouses, but it didn't last very long." continued Balkan.

Although Balkan has not picked up a tenor sax for close to twenty years, he mentions proudly that his son plays alto sax in middle school in Clinton. "I may get back into it one of these days," Balkan adds wistfully.

Erol goes to the Istanbul Jazz Festival every summer and has also been to other festivals in Syracuse and Newport. He also loves going to Tiny's, a local jazz place in Utica. One of the best concerts he has ever attended was Count Basie and Ella Fitzgerald with Joe Williams in Baltimore. "People were up and dancing into the second song," he recalled. It was a turning point in his appreciation for jazz.

Unfortunately for Hamilton, Balkan will not be hosting his show during the spring. He will be on leave with Professor Henry Rutz of the Anthropology department to conduct research in Istanbul, Turkey. The research is financed by the National Science Foundation (NSF). This research will deal with the change in middle class education.

"[It is] to explore connections between global shift, liberalization, and crisis of the middle class. The objective will be to discover educational strategies of the middle class that lead to success, survival, or failure," explained Balkan. He specifically asked to conduct research in Turkey because of the emergence of the new middle class.

Balkan will be back in the fall of 1996, and you can bet that "Jazz Moments" will once again send its cool vibes across the airwaves.

B U D D H A ' S B U Z Z

A response from Gamehendge: pseudo-phans not problem

Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, Nirvana featured on Home Alive benefit album due out January 30

By Peter Gaston '99
A&E Editor

Last week, I talked about my first Phish show and the impression I got from the crowd. Many people at the show were just there for the scene and not for the music, I wondered what kind of effect this might have on a band that could be one to stick around for 20 or 30 years, much like the Grateful Dead did.

I called out to members of the Phish community here at Hamilton to tell me their opinion and Damon Lanphear '98 responded:

The binding force behind what you refer to as the "Phish union" is the music that Phish creates. While there is no visible physical manifestation to the sound that eminates from the speakers at a show, the nothingness that is the sound gives birth to the existance of myriad things. Everything, from the scene that has evolved around Phish's performances, to the sensations of elation and joy that a well played "You Enjoy Myself" brings me, is the result of Phish's music.

It is therefore horribly inappropriate for folks to generate concern over those people who enjoy only the most basic elements of Phish's musical image. Namely, "the kids at the USAir Arena show," who's desire to hear some of Phish's most fun tunes has caused them to be the center of conern for the degeneration of the wonderment of the Phish phenomenon.

Even though some people enjoy Phish's performances on a rather simple, Top 40 sort of level they are still attending the perfromance to enjoy the *music*! And simply stated, that is what its all about.

After touring with Phish on four seperate occassions between 1990 and the present I have considered many aspects of the Phish scene. Surprisingly I have found only one potentially fatal flaw in the world of Phish. Many people have lost sight of the reason why they love Phish, the music.

The "Phish union" is not being lost to pseudo-phans, the USAir Arena kids. But it is being lost to the ticketless hordes that have caused Phish to not be invited back to incredible venues such as the Sugarbush Sumerstage.

It is being lost to the scalpers, the Nitrous Oxide vendors, the bootlegged t-shirt dealers and all those who exploit the scene. It is being lost to those who consider Phish to be elite property, and want to exclude unworthies from enjoying Phish's beautiful performances with them.

Next time the lights flick on after the final note of the encore, and you're still blissing out from the *first* set remember why your feet tingle. You were just touched by the vibration of life...music!

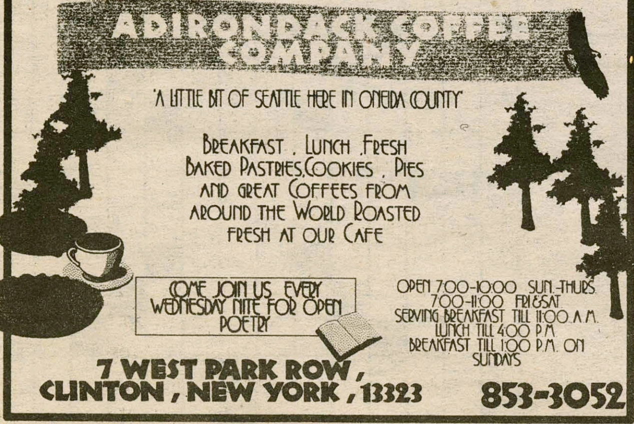
MUSIC NEWS

✪ January 30 is the release date for *Home Alive: The Art of Self Defense* (Epic), a benefit album which will feature several Seattle bands including **Pearl Jam**, **Soundgarden**, and **Nirvana**.

Proceeds from the album will go to Home Alive, an organization that fights violence in the Seattle area. The record will feature not only rock, but spoken word as well.

Look for Pearl Jam to submit a cover track, a Soundgarden B-side, and a live Nirvana song. Other artists included are **Jello Biafra** and the **Presidents of the United States of America**.

✪ **New Over Winter Break:** **Coolio**, *Gangsta's Paradise* (Tommy Boy); **Golden Smog**, *Down By The Old Mainstream* (Rykodisc); **Ministry**, *Filth Pig* (Warner/Sire); **Children of the Bong**, *Sirius Sounds* (Mammoth); **Skiploader**, *From Can Through String* (Geffen); ***Buddy Holly Tribute: Not Fade Away*** (MCA)



Write For Art & Entertainment Next Semester

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8 *Friday*

Last Day of Classes
Board of Trustees Meeting
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon German Table. Azel Backus House.
6 pm Women's Basketball. St. Lawrence at Hamilton.
7 pm Swimming & Diving. Hartwick at Hamilton.
7:30 pm Film: Clueless. Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$
8 pm Men's Basketball. St. Lawrence at Hamilton.
8 pm Directing Class, one-acts. Minor Theater.
8 pm Al Ham Players Production. Zoo Story. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village. court.

9 *Saturday*

Reading Period
Board of Trustees Meeting
2 pm Women's Basketball. Clarkson at Hamilton.
4 pm Men's Basketball. Clarkson at Hamilton.
8 pm Directing Class, one-acts. Minor Theater.
10 pm Film: Clueless. Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $

10 *Sunday*

Reading Period
11:30 am AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Open Meeting. Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.
1 pm Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
1 pm Bagel Brunch. Sponsored by Hillel. Azel Backus House.
7 pm Ice Hockey. Williams at Hamilton.
7:30 pm Film: Clueless. Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$$
midnight Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.

11 *Monday*

Reading Period
10 am - 11 am Conversations with President Gene Tobin. Beinecke Village.

12 *Tuesday*

Final Exams
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
3:30 pm - 6 pm Lecture/Posture Session: Carl Hayden '63, Chancellor, New Yor State Board of Regents, "Educational Reform in New York State" in conjunction with a poster session (Government 375 & 382). Sponsored by the Government Department. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village. Open to the Community.

13 *Wednesday*

Final Exams

14 *Thursday*

Final Exams
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.

15 *Friday*

Final Exams

Have a great winter break!

MOVIES

The following area movie schedules are for the week of December 8-14.

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(not all matinees are listed)

Father of the Bride, Part II	*7:20, 9:45*
Toy Story	*8:40, 10:35*
Casino	*3:50, 7:30*
The American President	*7:15, 9:45*
Goldeneye	*7:00, 9:50*
Money Train	*6:405 9:40*
It Takes Two	*2:45, 4:55*
White Man's Burden	*7:00, 9:20*
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1 On the level?
7 Health-care expense, for short
12 Start of a saga
13 Dazed
15 Not constant
16 Oxnard's county
18 Hallucinogen
19 Making up
21 Neb. neighbor
22 __ vu
24 "There was __ woman . . ."
25 Austrian city or river
26 Near, archaically
28 Often-bracketed bit of Latin
29 China-maker Josiah
30 Name in the news in the '50s
33 Fire hazard
34 Western paper
40 Lessen
41 Eye motion in dreams
42 Author of *A Lonely Rage*
43 Location
44 Bricklayer
46 Transport for young Kane
47 It has a St. Louis hub
48 "__ and say we did"
50 Actress Gardner
51 Duvall role
53 Popular cuisine
55 Metalwork
56 Gallo et al.
57 *Rob Roy* director Michael __-Jones
58 Navy engineer

DOWN
1 Etruscan king who attacked Rome
2 Conrad novel
3 Alias indicator
4 "__ creature was . . ."
5 Actress Ekberg
6 Second thought
7 Some weddings
8 Up
9 Throe
10 Toward the stern
11 Conversation filler
12 Hag
14 Rio __
17 Goose genus
20 Stealthy
23 Stir things up
25 Some glues
27 *Atta Troll* author
29 Jiggersful
31 High school subj.
32 Govt. measurers
34 Wears well
35 __ Kenobi
36 Evil
37 That crummy feeling
38 Raise
39 Family cars
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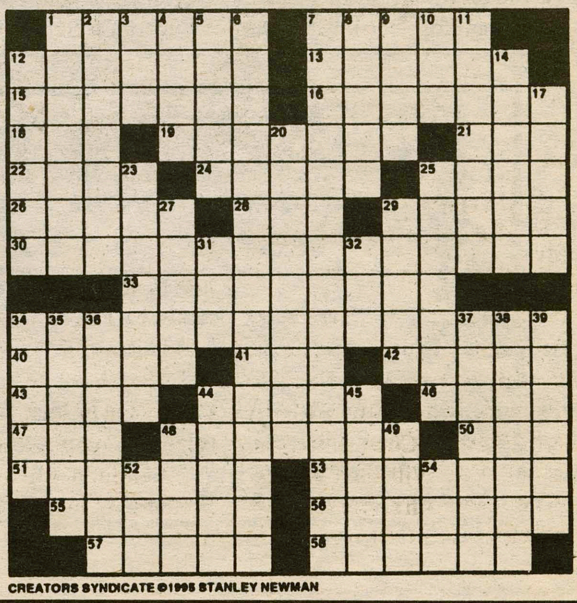

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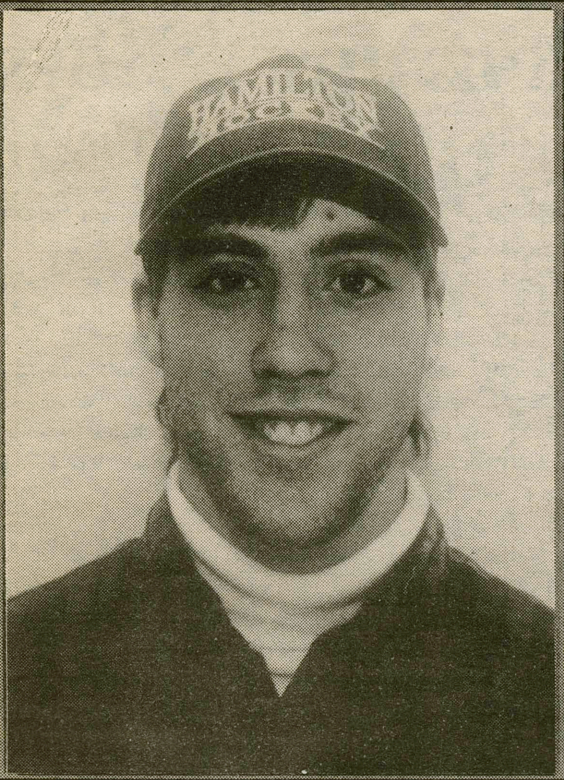

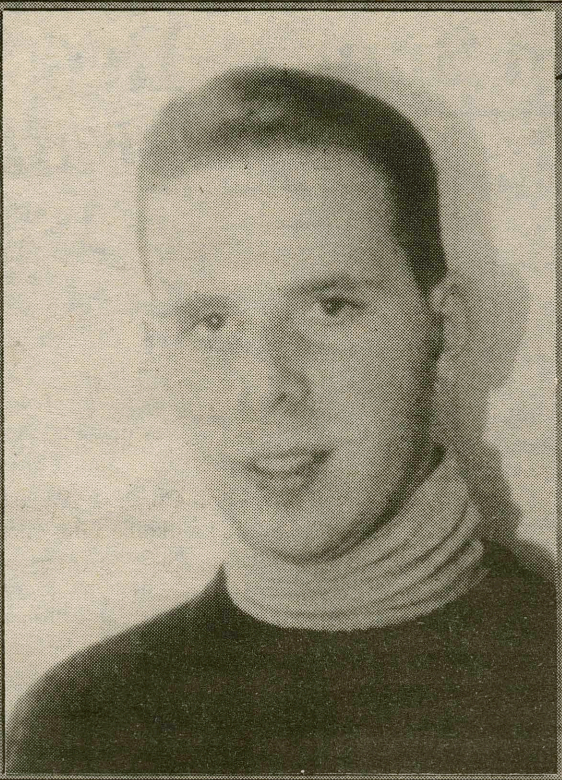

Athletes of the Week

Jeff Turcotte '99
Keith Wandtke '98

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Jeff Turcotte and Keith Wandtke both went a stellar 11-3 in the "Beat the Experts" contest this semester. Behind the mild-mannered appearance of these students, lie a superhuman knowledge of the NFL. Everybody better watch out for these guys! Congratulations, Jeff and Keith! You are the *Hamilton Athletes of the Week!* Mr. Walker owes you dinner.

Women's squash struggles at Wesleyan, record falls to 2-5

BY MEGAN RICH '99
SPORT STAFF WRITER

Ten members of the women's varsity squash team traveled to Wesleyan University to take part in the annual Wesleyan Tournament on Friday, December 1st. The members of the team who participated in the tournament were Captain Pepper Johnson '96, Brooke Cobb '97, Susan Frisch '98, Elizabeth Brecht '99, Sharon Delia '99, Alexandra Los '99, Taryn O'Neill '99, Megan Rich '99, Jocelyn Torio '99 and Andie Woloszyn '99.

The weekend was one of mixed results, with the team compiling a 1-4 record. The team lost to Mount Holyoke College 5-4, Wellesley College 9-0, Wesleyan University 8-1, Bates College 8-1, while defeating Haverford College 5-4. The team's record now stands at 2-5. Coach Rebecca Siegel commented that, "For our first tournament weekend we did pretty well. The team put in 100% from the first match through the fifth. We played against more experienced teams and were outmatched in a few. There are definitely some things that we need to work on, but that comes with experience."

After the past weekend, Coach Siegel feels that there are some general points that the team needs to focus on for their post break competitions. She feels that the team needs to focus on serving and return of serve, as well as the player's furthering their general on court awareness. Siegel also points out that the team has to "concentrate on knowing where their opponent is, and tailoring the point to that particular situation". As for her short term goals, Siegel is most concerned with the team members keeping in shape over break and not losing the conditioning they have worked on since the beginning of November. The team has no more tournaments until after the break. Their next match is the Williams Tournament on January 19th.

Squash rails opponents

BY ZANE MURDOCH '99
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Hamilton's men's squash team returned to winning form this past Saturday at Bard College where they faced both Bard and Stevens Tech. The team blanked Stevens Tech, and suffered only one defeat in their victory over Bard, making the weekend all but perfect. Although the team's record remains at 2-6, resulting from their demise at the Williams tournament where they lost four matches to difficult opponents, the players appear ready to regain their balance.

Despite having to wake up at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning to make the trip to Bard, the team quickly dispatched Bard College 8-1 in remarkable fashion.

Stevens Tech proved to be no match for Hamilton as the team didn't lose a game after daybreak. Each match ended with the same final score, 3-0, and the team returned home quite satisfied of their promising victories. Coach Scott Smith remarked, "We beat both of these teams last year, but regardless the team felt proud of its performance."

This past Wednesday, the team faced another strong opponent at the University of Rochester, who at the time was ranked 12th nationally. The home-opener for Hamilton held a few exciting matches, including a couple five setters, but Rochester's experience proved to be the difference in Hamilton's loss.

Hamilton hopes to return from winter break in better spirits in order to retain the form they had in the matches at Bard.

Women's hockey heads into break with 2-3 record

BY JASON SANTARCANGELO '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The women's ice hockey team finished the first semester with a 2-3 mark, after two losses this past weekend. On Saturday, the women fell to R.I.T 7-1, and then again on Sunday to R.P.I. 7-3. Despite the losses and sub .500 record, Coach Kelly McElroy believes, "the team is steadily improving."

Women's hockey is poised for better things in January. PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

In the loss to R.P.I., Sara Begg '97, the team's leading scorer on the season with nine goals was able to find the twine twice. Tucky Ridder '98 scored the other Continental goal. Ridder and Amy Williams '99, second on the team with six points, both notched an assist in the game. In the loss to former Division I power R.I.T., Begg was able to get the Continentals going early, scoring the games first goal on a breakaway. R.I.T. quickly gained control of the game and was able to dominate (Two players netted hat ticks while a third added four points). Sophomore Kate Masi '98 played both games in goal for the Buff and Blue.

The team is improving despite the losses. Last year the team lost to R.I.T. 18-0. " We will certainly be helped by the addition of Isabel Roberts '97 and Kate Flynn '97 (they have been abroad). We have a lot to look forward to next semester." commented McElroy.

Hamilton will return home on Wednesday January 24th at 8:00pm to square off against Skidmore.

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Women's Basketball	St. Lawrence 6:00 p.m.	Clarkson 2:00 p.m.					
Men's Hockey		Williams 7:00 p.m.					
Swimming & Diving	Hartwick 7:00p.m.						
Men's Squash							
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2. Samuel Walker 86-66
2. Mark Granovsky 86-66

Redskins upset 'Boys

Shuler effective in win

In the NBA: At the beginning of the season just a few weeks ago, who would've believed that the Sacramento Kings would be playing so well? Off to a 12-4 start, the Kings have won five in a row, and are playing great defense. Last week, they defeated the Shaq-less Magic, 109-106... The Mavs have been hurting lately, losing ten of their last 11. Jimmy Jackson and Jamal Mashburn have been feuding, and it's been affecting their play on-court... Derrick Coleman's Philadelphia debut was a success, as he led the Sixers to a 108-87 win over the Mavs, scoring 17 points and adding 11 rebounds. Realistically, though, you've got to wonder how long Coleman will play for the 3-13 Sixers before he gets tired of their losing, and starts complaining, just like his days in New Jersey... The Cavaliers, with perhaps the least talent in the league, including expansion teams, have manage seven wins. How have they done so well? One reason is that they only turn the ball over 14.4 times per game, second in the league. They're also second in turnover differential, at +3.2 per game...

Scorecard

Trip MacCracken

In the NFL: Redskin quarterback Heath Shuler led to team to the biggest win of his young career on Sunday as Washington surprised Dallas for the second time this year. On the day, Shuler was 11 of 24 for 154 yards and one touchdown. Most impressive about Shuler's performance, however, was the fact that he did not turn the ball over. Rather, he allowed others, like running back Terry Allen who ran for 98 yards and two touchdowns, to make big plays. Shuler commented, "I've had my critics, but there's no doubt in my mind what I can do." The win upped the Redskins season mark to 4-9. While Shuler has won the quarterback job for at least another week, coach Norv Turner must still decide on his quarterback for the future, either Shuler or Gus Frerotte. Turner, in all likelihood, will decide before next season... Interestingly, the Redskins are 3-2 in games where guard Tre Johnson plays all or most of the game. They're 1-7 when he doesn't... It's kind of hard to believe that Cincinnati rookie Ki-Jana Carter, who has yet to play in his first NFL game, made more money in 1995 than Ken Griffey, Jr., Grant Hill, Hakeem Olajuwon, Barry Bonds, Steve Young or Dan Marino. The NFL needs to implement a plan similar to the NBA's rookie cap, if you ask me...

In NCAA football: With the Heisman Trophy announcement coming tomorrow evening, the voting proves to be some of the closest ever. Florida's Danny Wuerrfel, Nebraska's Tommie Frazier, and Ohio State's Eddie George are all legitimate contenders. Wuerrfel certainly benefitted from having the stage all to himself last weekend in Florida's SEC Championship win over Arkansas, in which he completed 20 of 28 passes for 276 yards and two touchdowns. Wuerrfel set a national record for efficiency this season, with a mark of 178.4. He broke Jim McMahon's record of 176.9, which had stood since 1980. Frazier is still my pick, but I wouldn't be surprised to see Wuerrfel walk away with it...

In NCAA basketball: Florida's Dametri Hill said that Mass center Marcus Camby is so good that when the Gators played the Minutemen, Hill found himself watching Camby. Mass won 80-58, and Camby scored 30, so Hill must've seen a good game. ESPN's ever-loquacious Dick Vitale predicts that Camby and Wake Forest's Tim Duncan will both declare early for the draft, and will go 1-2. In the Camby-Duncan matchup Wednesday night, both players looked solid, although Camby held a slight advantage, outscoring Duncan 17-9 and leading his squad to a 60-46 win... Speaking of declaring early for the draft: Where is Scotty Thurman today?...

In the NHL: Two GM's were axed over the weekend. The Islanders, at 6-15-3, fired GM Don Maloney, while the San Jose Sharks, at 4-18-4, fired their GM, Kevin Constantine... The Colorado-Montreal trade which sent goalie Patrick Roy and forward Mike Keane to the Avalanche in exchange for three young players should prove to be a good one for both teams. Colorado now becomes a favorite to advance to the Stanley Cup Finals, whereas Montreal gains three young contributors, including goaltender Jocelyn Thibault, whom the Canadiens feel could become as good as Roy, whose career record is 289-175-66, including six all-star appearances and three Vezina Trophies...

Quotables & Miscellaneous: Jeff Gordon, who was crowned as Winston Cup champion last Saturday, heads the 26th All-America Racing Team, joining Dale Earnhardt in the stock car division. Also honored were Al Unser, Jr. and Jacques Villeneuve, among others... 20-year-old U.S. speedskater Christine Witty won her second consecutive World Cup race in the 1,000 meters last Saturday, finishing in 1:22:17... The Atlanta Braves resigned first baseman Fred McGriff to a four-year contract worth $20 million... The Cleveland Indians have already sold each and every ticket to their 81 home games next season, the first time a major league baseball team has pre-sold all of its tickets... The Indians, meanwhile, are about to sign Julio Franco to play first base... And finally, Mary Hegarty, women's basketball coach at Chapman University, spoke to her team at halftime, as they trailed their opponent Cal-Baptist, 30-17: "Who are you, and where did you get those uniforms?"...

My Two Cents

The Walker legacy

By Samuel M. Walker '96
Sports Editor

When Gabe Meyer called me last semester in Washington, D.C. and offered me the position of Sports Editor, it took me about five seconds to accept. As a die hard Hamilton sports fan, I figured the position was perfect for me. With a year and a half experience writing and editing at the Spectator, I was more than qualified for the position. Plus, I was willing to make the extensive time commitment. Further, as a varsity athlete of a small sport (tennis), I knew the importance of press to an athlete. Well, the last two semesters have been unbelievable. I have witnessed Hamilton accomplish unbelievable athletic feats, i.e. men's basketball to the NCAA's for the first time, women's swimming winning their first state championship, and women's cross country making it to their first NCAA's. I have learned the importance of preparation, commitment, teamwork, and accuracy. The following are memories, lessons, and other miscellaneous items from my two semester tenure as Sports Editor.

In my first week as Sports Editor, I had to find writers. This was no easy task, and I quickly realized the job was more about being a salesman than an editor. Pizza and a job title were always good selling points. In addition, we never knew what kind of articles we would receive. Boy, have we had some duds for writers!!! But as Brian and Trip have always told me, "We have to work with what we got."

One of the best things about loving Hamilton sports and my position is I am always up to date on sports at Hamilton. Every Monday a few students approach me wondering how we did in weekend sports and I always know the answer. This is because I receive a weekly press release from the sports information office, and additionally, I have tried to attend as my games as possible. At each game, I either sit at the press table or in the press box. Sure if I was Sports Editor at a big school like Syracuse, a press box seat would mean a lot more; still it has been kind of fun having the opportunity to sit in the press box at football and hockey games.

Gender and sport equity in our coverage has been a big deal. Realizing that thousands and thousands of people read our section, and understanding we are not in it for the money, I have found it important to ensure that all sports and individuals receive adequate coverage. This has been difficult. On many occasions we have waited to no avail for a writer to turn in an article. This sport then receives the shaft, getting a blurb written by us or no article at all. I can't tell you how many coaches have called me on Monday morning to complain about their coverage. To no surprise, the following week this sport always finds the back page.

My Two Cents- I never imagined writing 25 columns. At first, I was looking for a way to spice the section up and knew I had many thoughts about Hamilton sports. My first column introducing myself as Sports Editor bit the dust. However, once I started writing about wacky and zany topics which meant a lot to me, people started liking it. I realized that this was here to stay. Coming up with the ideas has not been hard; it's the putting my ideas into coherent English that is the most difficult part. Each Sunday I make a list of topics, and after talking about it for a few hours, by Tuesday I have my column idea. Tuesday is research and outline day. Wednesday is writing day. Thursday is edit day.

I love each column, but I have four favorites. They are: "A day at the movies", my groundbreaking two part series on gender-equity at Hamilton, "How to fill the stands", and "Stick to tradition- throw oranges". If you missed any of my columns, here is a one line summary that will work for most of them. Improving Hamilton sports and Hamilton fans, and loving the Jets, will propel Hamilton into the U.S. News and World Report top 10.

Thursdays have not been the nights for us to party. We arrive at about 5 p.m. on Thursday, having a solid outline on what we want the section to look like. We usually leave at 4 a.m. screaming at each other, talking about how much we hate *The Spectator*. Striving for accuracy and innovativeness, we don't leave until we know every thing is perfect. Most Thursdays involve a major problem, relating to disks, computers, or writers.

I have many people to thank. Without Brian and Trip, there would be no sports section. Trip has read my article every week and made it readable. He is also the only one who can layout our section with speed. Brian does everything. He writes, edits, and contributes to layout. He is the ultimate team player. Rick Pizzo and Mark Granovsky have been our two most consistent writers. Eric Martin and Dave Townsend have watched over us, and always come to our help, even when I am whining beyond belief. Thanks also go to Gabe Meyer. Although he doesn't know the least thing about sports, his constant "Is everything all right guys?" remark made us laugh.

Next semester and throughout the rest of my life, I won't stop being a Hamilton fan. I'll be in the "Dog Pound", and in the stands, cheering on our Conts. "My Two Cents" will continue on a biweekly basis. While Sports Editor has been no easy task, if the job was offered to me tomorrow, I would accept the job even more quickly than I did the first time. When I am rich and famous, I will never forget the memories I gained working as Sports Editor.

Hamilton faces Williams Saturday

By Rick Pizzo '96
Sports Staff Writer

The Hamilton Continental hockey team picked up their first win of the season this past weekend, but received another loss to bring their record to 1-3-1. The team has struggled since opening night and last Friday night's win was as much a relief as anything else.

The victory came against the Beacons of UMass-Boston by a score of 5-1. The reunited line of Brian Green '96, Sean Brady '96, and Jeff Bradley '97 combined for four of the team's five tallies. Green netted his first two goals of the season, while Brady and Bradley added single scores. Lloyd Polanish '96 also picked up his first goal of the year in the dominating Continental victory. Jake DeBoever '99 played solidly in his first game as starting goaltender, as he picked up 21 saves to secure the win.

The emotional triumph, however, did not lead the Continentals to an inspiring performance on Saturday afternoon. The team lost their second overtime game of the season to an underrated Amherst team. Hamilton fell to the Lord Jeffs by a score of 4-3. Green continued his stellar weekend, scoring twice more to lead the attack. Joe Zona '98 picked up his first goal of the year as well. DeBoever didn't fare as well on Saturday compared to the previous night, allowing a soft goal in the extra frame to send the Continentals home on a long bus ride.

John Forbes anticipates the quick pass in a recent game in theSage Rink. Photo by Kate Vail '96

The team plays only one game this weekend, but it is a big one as the Continentals host archrival Williams. The Ephmen are lead by three time All-American goaltender Mark Seigel. Seigel started his season with a shutout against Colby and has continued to play well since. The home team must get another big game out of the "Canadian Connection" line, as well as good play between the pipes from whomever coach Phil Grady decides to start. Zona, Brian Guastella '98, and Dave Webb '98, the "Sophomore Sensation" line, will get their first start ever in the buff and blue. Game time is 7:00 on Saturday night.

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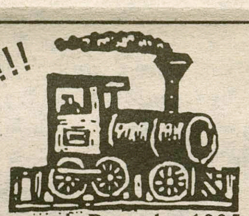

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Men's hoops takes silver in St. Louis
Off to 3-1 start in '95-'96 season

By Greg Nusbaum '98
Sports Staff Writer

Coming off an impressive victory at home against the Hobart Statesmen, the Continentals traveled to the gateway of the west to participate in the Lopata Classic hosted by Washington University.

Hamilton played an inferior MIT in the opening round, sending them home to the tune of 83-65. Joe Mrozienski '96 led the team with 20 points and 9 rebounds. First-year sensation, Michael Schantz '99 scored 8 points while pulling down a season high 17 rebounds. Bill Newman '97 also played well in the backcourt contributing 11 points. This game was never close as it became evident that Hamilton physically and athletically outmatched the M.I.T. squad.

In the next round, the Continentals would face Division III powerhouse, Washington University. In a classic matchup of top 25 teams, Hamilton came out storming. Hamilton dominated the first half, leading at halftime and moreover, leading 56-48 with less than 13 minutes remaining. Unfortunately the Bears struck back with a vengeance. The Bears drained an endless barrage of three pointers, eight in a row, as part of an unprecedented 31-1 run, eventually derailing Hamilton 91-69. In a game that was much closer than the score indicated, the Continentals received outstanding individual contributions. Mike Schantz scored 20 points with 10 boards. Scott Pace '96 scored 13 points and had 5 assists. Al Lewis '96 also played well scoring 12 points and grabbing six rebounds. Joe Mrozienski and Schantz earned all-tournament recognition. In addition, Schantz collected UCAA rookie of the week honors, averaging 16.9 points and 10.3 rebounds per game during the week.

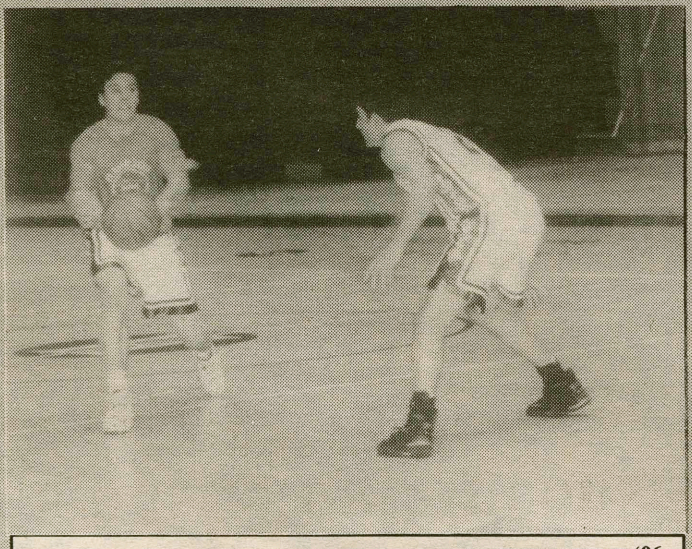

Photo by Kate Vail '96

Mike Murphy '97 gears up for this weekend's games against St. Lawrence and Clarkson.

On Tuesday night, the Continentals journeyed to Schenectady to face Union College. Hamilton showed great resilience and determination by erasing a 42-39 halftime deficit and eventually defeating the Dutchman 81-77. In an exciting finish, free throws decided the game. Al Lewis hit the front end of a one and one and Scott Pace hit a pair of crucial free throws with less than a minute remaining. Union missed two three pointers in an attempt to tie as Kevin Thorpe '98 grabbed the rebound on the second miss. His free throw sealed the victory. Mike Schantz continued to impress scoring 20 points while pulling down nine boards. Joe Mrozienski scored 18 and forwards Al Lewis and Kevin Larson combined for 19 points and fourteen rebounds. Kevin Thorpe scored a career high 16 points on 6-8 shooting from the field. Scott Pace added 6 assists. The Continental victory dropped Union to a record of 2-2.

Coach Tom Murphy, while leading his team to an early 3-1 record, refuses to become complacent "I don't think we're playing to our potential. We are working hard but we need to improve. Our offense is playing well, but our defense needs a lot of work. We've just got to get better"

Hamilton will have their chance to win back to back home games versus UCAA rivals St. Lawrence and Clarkson on Friday and Saturday.

Women's swimming captures inaugural UCAA tourney

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On December 1st and 2nd, the Hamilton women's swimming and diving team competed in the first annual UCAA swimming and diving championships at Union College. Although the team had only been training for a month, they still managed to pull out a victory, winning handily with a powerful score of 940, 300 points better than host Union. The Continentals swam against such competitive teams as Skidmore, University of Rochester, R.P.I, William Smith, Clarkson, St. Lawrence, and Union. Union turned out to be the Continentals' most fierce competition, but in the end they were no match for the Buff and Blue.

The other teams were outclassed by Hamilton's blinding speed and incredible depth. The reign of terror began with the unrelenting onslaught of Hamilton's impressive relay teams. The 400 free relay team of Maura Gorman '98, Liz Sichol '96, Marianne Steen '97, and Wendy Marrs '97 came in first with a time of 3:46.07. Later, Marrs, Sichol, and Steen teamed up with Leslie Allen '97 to take second in the 200 free relay. The 400 medley relay team of Gorman, Marrs, Lisa Gelbach '99, and Cathlyn Lang '99 also placed second.

Hamilton was just as strong in individual events. Sichol lit up the pool with dazzling wins in the 500, 200, and 1650 freestyle events. Cathlyn Lang followed suit placing 1st in the 400 I.M., 5th in the 100 fly, 3rd in the 200 fly, and 3rd in the 200 I.M. Lisa Horner placed 2nd in the 100 breaststroke, and was followed closely by Gelbach's 5th place finish. In the 200 breaststroke, Gelbach took 3rd and Horner 4th. In both the 200 and 100 backstrokes, the Continentals demonstrated their tremendous depth. In the 100, Allen was 3rd, Gorman 4th, Steen 5th, Meric Koksol '99 6th, Daniel Hawes '98 7th, and Lynn Separk '96 came in 8th. The 200 was much the same with Steen, Gorman, Hawes, Koksol, and Separk all placing in the top eight. Marrs also placed well in many events with a 2nd place finish in the 50 free, a 7th place finish in the 100 fly, and a 4th place in the 100 free. Also placing in the top sixteen and scoring points for the Buff and Blue were Alyssa Ball '99, Sara Schwartz '99, Jenie Byrne '99, Kate Aiello '99, Beth Nolan '97, Sarah Young '98, Stephanie Reynolds '96, Tina Tynan '98, Jen Johns '96, and Nadia Fuller '98.

Coach Thompson summed the meet up with the all encompassing statement. "Everyone did well. It was a great early season achievement," commented Thompson. "It was a great coming together of the team." Tonight the Continentals face Hartwick at 7:00 p.m. in the Bristol Pool.

Winter Sports

Men's Hoops
3-1

Women's Hoops
4-3

Men's Hockey
1-3-1

Women's Squash
1-1

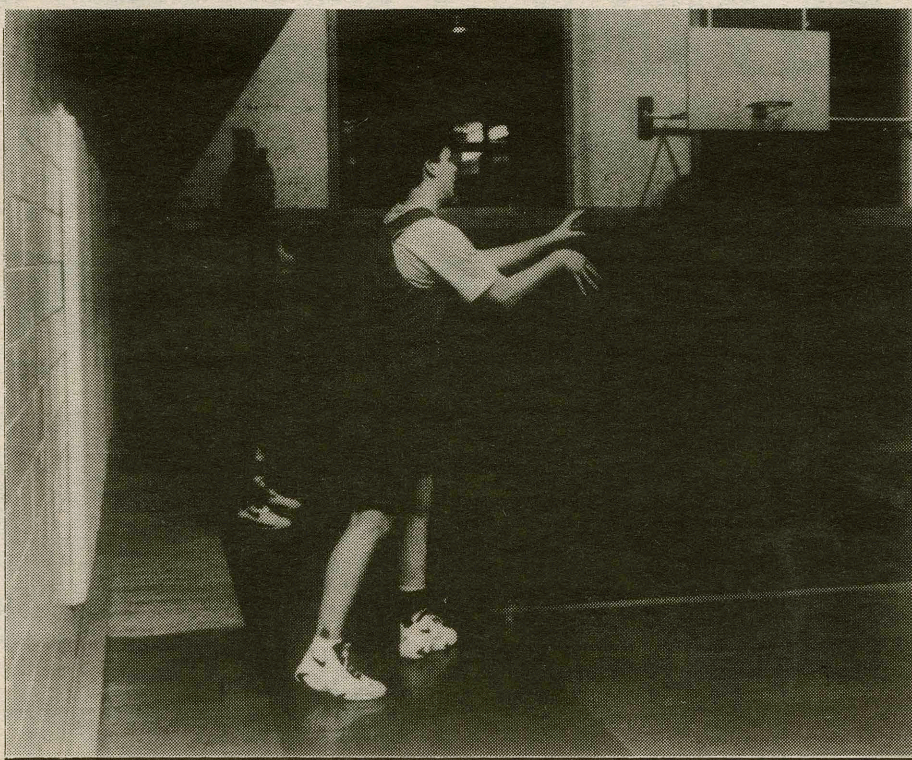
Men's Squash
0-5

Women's basketball inconsistent in early going
head into St. Lawrence game with 4-3 record

By Damon Lopez O'Dwyer '98
Sports Staff Writer

The Continentals were 1-2 this past week in the first three of their important five game stretch before the semester's end. The team sandwiched a well played 76-57 victory over Union in between losses to Utica and undefeated William Smith. The win came on December 2 on the road at Union, and the keys to success were as usual, a great team effort. The Continentals received terrific offensive production from Jenn Moran '99 who had 22 points, Beth Petrusa '96 who scored 18, and Kim Herrig '98 who dumped in 11. Kristen Pabis '97 was a force pulling rebounds down all game long.

Of the two losses, the team was most disappointed with the Utica game of December 1. Coach Crist felt that his team played poorly and suffered a loss of composure in the second half. "We didn't play to our potential. If we had, we would have won." This is certainly believable considering the mere eight point margin. Utica won the local bragging rights 57-49. The other loss of the week was at the hands of a very tough William Smith squad. Coach Crist felt that the Continentals played fairly well through the first half, and held their own through the rest of game. When the final buzzer sounded, the scoreboard read 76-53, but perhaps that deficit doesn't quite do justice to the team's effort. William Smith is a strong, veteran team, and their record reflects their strength.



Ashley Merriman's '98 return from injury is highly anticipated.

Photo by Kate Vail '96

So where does that leave Hamilton going into their final stretch? "It puts alot of pressure on us for these last two," says Coach Crist bluntly. "Both St. Lawrence and Clarkson are league games." At this stage, the Continentals are running in the middle of the pack with a UCAA league record of 1-1, and an overall record of 4-3. Most of the league games take place after winter break, but every game is equally important because it is the total record that affects the playoff picture. The team's attitude is still as positive as ever, and the women are focused for the next two hurdles. The biggest positive at this point is the anticipated return of Ashley Merriman '98 who has been out with a sprained ankle. Execution is key, and if the women can get the job done this weekend, it could be a very sweet and well deserved winter break.

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